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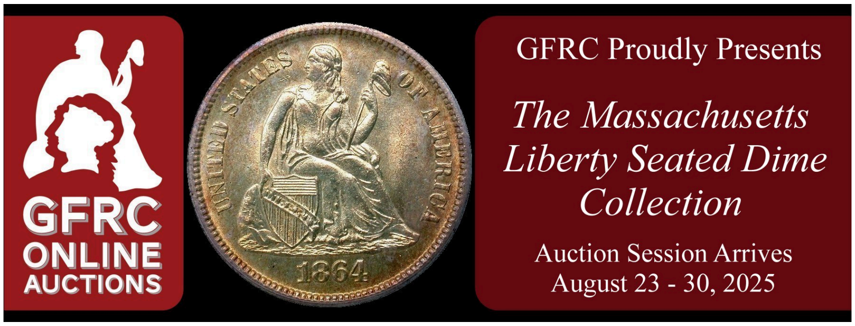
Another Wild GFRC Online Auctions Finale!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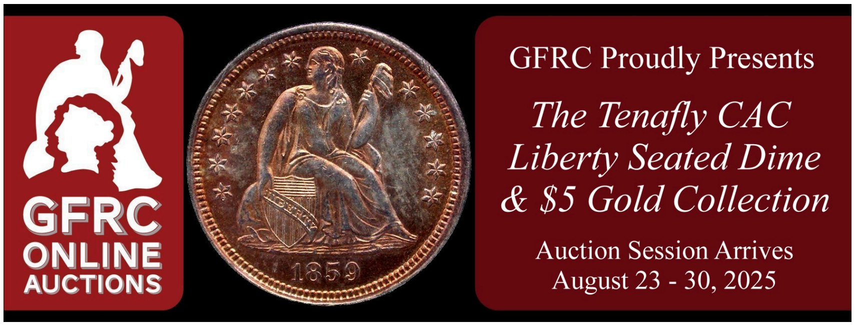
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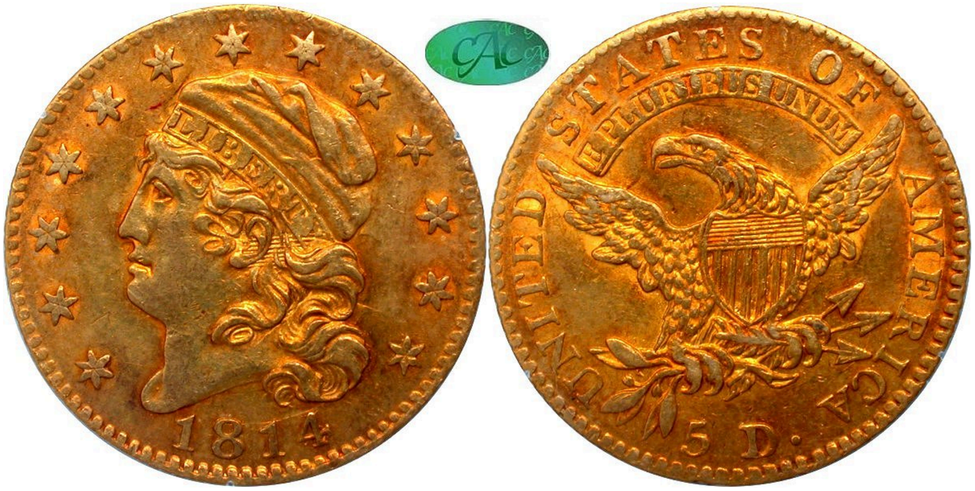
Greetings on a Labor Day weekend Sunday morning and welcome to the Daily Blog. Thank you for checking back for the latest GFRC happenings.

A "wild finish" best describes last evening's auction closing 30 minutes. The serious and exceedingly motivated bidders appeared and let loose with sizable bids with the Massachusetts Collection's 1843-O PCGS EF45 CAC dime being an example of the intense competition. Speaking of that 1843-O dime, I has a mid-afternoon consultation with a passionate Seated dime collector and we specifically discussed this dime. My insight were that this piece was one of the major highlights of the Massachusetts Collection sale and will be a $10,000 coin. This collector made a valiant attempt on the coin but was slammed by a late monster bid by another long time client who was committed to acquire the coin at whatever it took

1843-O F-101 PCGS EF45 CAC 10C - Realized $11,501

Another substantial surprise was the Port Matilda 1814/3 PCGS EF45 CAC Rattler $5 gold lot, a stunning numismatic masterpiece that is heading into a comprehensive type set. The winning bidder stepped up taking this lot to nearly $28,500. GFRC congratulations go out to our OKC ANA table assistant, and all around great guy, who feel in love with this exceptional lot and would not be denied. For the final time, here is the Port Matilda early quarter eagle for your viewing pleasure.

1814/3 BD-1 PCGS EF45 CAC Rattler G$5 - Realized $28,377



There were bidding battles throughout this auction event including the Seated quarters and several of the Tenafly $5 Liberty gold lots. A circulated cameo 1853-O PCGS EF40 CAC quarter was in high demand and brought $955. The rare Civil War 1862-S PCGS G06 CAC $5 gold lot was bid up to $9150.

Looks take a look at the final statistics which exceeded yesterday's conservative forecast.

When the clock struck 9:00 PM, 143 lots out of the 250 offerings secured at least one bid translating into a 57% sell through rate. This ending outcome was quite the improvement as compared to Saturday morning's baseline. I could not be more pleased with the number of lots that have sold. Already, I have received an email with an inquiry for multiple post auction purchases even before posting the unsold lots to the 30 Day Price List and Collectors Corner. All is moving forward well...

In terms of the final sales tally and with a touch of rounding, this auction event realized $291,000. When comparing to the initial reserves totaling $520,000, the auction attained the 56% mark. The sales tally could have gone even higher if most or all of the Massachusetts big four Carson City dimes selling. Only the 1873-CC dime sold at the $8500 reserve. Also a fair number of the Tenafly $5 gold did not find bidding interest.

After the auction close, I received an email from Tom Coulombe expressing his delight with the auction outcome. He closed the email with, "I wonder if am going to get any sleep tonight....??" Yes, Tom, we trusted the GFRC auction process with all turning out well. Your remaining big four Carson City dimes will see in short order at the upcoming end of 2025 coin shows.

Post Auction Admin is Substantial

I'd like to remind every successful bidder that this Connoisseur's Series auction sale was huge and the largest ever attempted by GFRC. With 143 sold lots, the amount of post admin auction workload is quite substantial and will take days to complete. Usually, I can get nearly all invoices generated by end of Sunday following an auction close. This will not be the case this time around due to the auction size.

Today brings the loading of all winning bids into the COIN system followed by a double check for accuracy. Afterwards, the invoicing process begins with the multiple lot winners having priority. Some winning bidders will be using Trading Desk credits while others wish to have pre-auction price list purchases kitted with the auction invoice. My point is that many of the invoices are customized efforts and take time to execute.

My target for having all invoices issued is end of day Monday which means I will be in the office throughout the next two days followed by regular GFRC shipping starting up on Tuesday.

Please have patience while the post auction admin and kitting of coins into shipping boxes is accomplished as we have never closed an auction of this size before.

Wrapping Up the Blog

I was up early and a long office day awaits me. Usually, the closing Blog summary for a major auction contains more visuals and details. My apology for today's straightforward composition and summary.

Now comes the October 11 auction that features the White Pine $5 No Motto gold and the Island City Type Set offerings. Yesterday brought the USPS delivery of another 8 pieces from that type set. This forthcoming auction has become substantial with 80 lots!

I'm going to make a cup of coffee to start the day.

Thank you as always for the ongoing patronage at the Daily Blog and the support for this humble coin business.

Be well!

August 29, 2025

Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection Auction Closes at 9:00 PM

Gold Sets New Record Monthly Close

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October 11 Auction - White Pine Gold $5 Images are Posted

Greetings on Labor Day weekend and welcome to the Daily Blog. Thanks again for the return visit.

Autumn has arrived in northern New England as daytime high temperatures begin their decent. Today's weather forecast indicates that we will be no warmer than 70F this afternoon with overnight lows dipping into the high 40s next week. Honestly, I love the cooler September weather that enables vigorous walks on the back acreage trails without building up a sweat or being bothered by insects. It is the "just right" time of the year for being outdoors in the woods.

Friday was a great day in many regards. First was the afternoon rain that has finally soaked the parched soil. Second was the completion of the White Pine $5 gold images for the forthcoming October 11 auction event. Lastly, gold prices rose to a new record monthly close after Friday's inflation report came in at 2.9%.

Bidding for the current Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection auction also continued on Friday. We will discuss the auction status next.

Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection Auction Closes at 9:00 PM

The finale of the current GFRC Online Auctions event is now a little over 12 hours away. Let's baseline where this huge 250 lot auction stands at this point.

The morning tally indicates that 107 lots now have at least one bid which translated into a 43% sell through rate. I was hoping that bidding would kick in for the Tenafly $5 Liberty gold, but so far there has been disappointment that is difficult to explain. With gold bullion on an upward march along with most other asset prices, one would expect to see more action concerning these lots. Maybe that will change today.

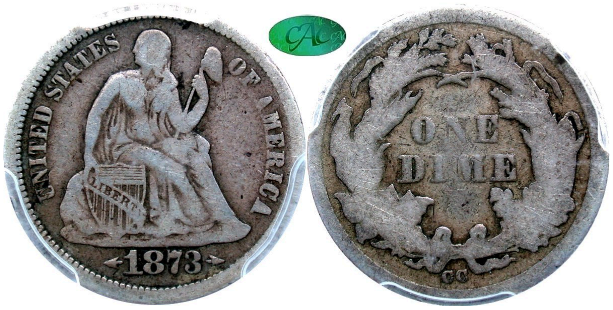
In terms of total auction lot sales, the number stands at $195,000. That is a 37% of the initial reserves. One factor holding back this number is the lack of bids for the big four Carson City dates in the Massachusetts Collection. One would expect these to sell as these dates are typically the last to be acquired by those who wish to complete their Liberty Seated dime sets. Being able to source one of these dimes for under five figures is definitely an opportunity that should be capitalized upon. Following is a showcase of those four Carson City dimes with all being CAC approved except the 1874-CC.

Massachusetts Collection - Key Date Carson City Dimes

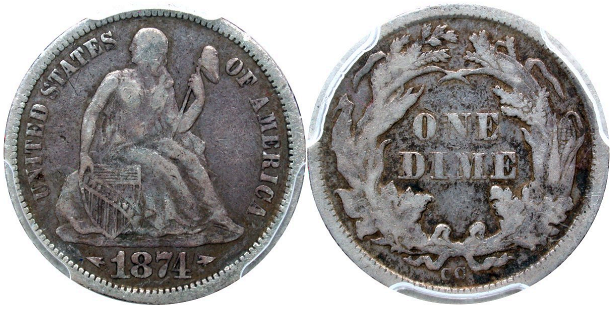
1871-CC PCGS VG08 CAC 10C - $9500

1872-CC PCGS VF25 CAC 10C - $7000

1873-CC PCGS F12 CAC 10C - $8500



1874-CC PCGS VF25 10C - $23,500



The time has come for my usual auction closing assessment and forecast. Honestly, this event is quite difficult to forecast given the huge number of lots and a concentration of Liberty Seated dimes and $5 Liberty gold. What comes next is a rough guess on my part as there are no special insights on who is planning to bid on what coins in the final hours. Therefore let's go with a 52% sell through rate which translate into another 23 lots being sold by the 9:00 PM bidding deadline. As for the auction's total sales, my estimate is $245,000 if the 1874-CC dimes does not sell. If it does, then the forecast increases to $270,000 which is a tad more than half of the initial reserves.

FAIR WARNING! THIS IS NOT A SNIPING AUCTION

I'd like to provide a fair warning to those bidders that wait until the last minute to bid. Don't do it....

This is a 250 lot auction with a substantial amount of bidding expected in the final 10 minutes. Each bid is typically followed by the bidder refreshing his desktop view to confirm where the bid now stands. Just image 50+ bidders all placing last minute bids and hammering the Hostway server with refresh requests. Each requests required a complete download of the auction table and its 250 coins. Since images are stored on everyone's computers, only the table content, including bid status, must be downloaded. I can predict that the Hostway server will be slammed in the closing minutes with delayed online auction catalog refreshes resulting in bidders not knowing if their last bid is high bid. My apology in advance for this fact, but you have been advised to place those maximum bids prior to the 5-10 minutes of the auction's 9:00 PM ET hard close.

My final comment is that someone needs to take the Massachusetts Collection's 1871-S PCGS AU55 CAC dime home. This is a wonderful gem that is worth the reserve. Let's see who listens to my advice.

Good luck to every bidder at this point and hopefully you will be able to secure your targeted lots.

Gold Sets New Record Monthly Close

Both gold and silver had a great week with gold setting a new monthly record close at $3449/oz while silver attempted to break through the $40 mark. Silver closed at $39.61 after approaching close to $40 during the early afternoon hours. Believe me, I was watching the price action on Kitco while processing the White Pine $5 Liberty gold images.

After several days of trending close to the $3400 mark, gold made its move after the Personal Consumption Expenditures Index (PCE) rose 0.3% for June and now July. The real inflation number is higher of course but let's not debate that fact in today's Blog. So here we are with a minimum of 3% annual inflation and the Federal Reserve planning to cut interest rates in September. The Federal Reserve is shifting attention from fighting inflation towards its unemployment management co-mandate. It should be obvious that the Trump admin must inflate a portion of the massive national debt away while preserving the equity markets as a key source of tax revenues. We are experiencing a slow motion currency debasement that has larger wealth holders moving into gold and silver assets.

Frankly, I don't expect gold and silver's upward momentum to stop. We've experienced a long awaited breakout for gold with $3600 being easily obtained on a path to $4000. It is only a matter of time before silver trades above $40/oz.

October 11 Auction - White Pine Gold $5 Images are Posted

Let's close today's Blog with an announcement that White Pine $5 gold images, for the October 11 auction, have been posted at the end of the online auction table. I will be working through quality ratings and a reserve pricing proposal today. Once those are settled, the auction catalog will reflect this new content.

Wrapping Up The Blog

I will not be in the office this morning as a trip to Windham is necessary for outdoor supplies. Johnny2 needs an oil and filter change which necessitates a visit to Hall Implement for these maintenance items. There is also a need to purchase more 30% Vinegar and RoundUp at Lowes. I've found that the 30% vinegar is effective at burning weed leaves but not killing the roots. RoundUp is much more effective for killing the entire weed plant, especially when employed for weeds and vines originating from within the stone walls.

Come the afternoon hours, the plan is to be in the office to handle any last minute auction registrations and deleting current bids in lieu of high bids. After 8:00 PM this evening, everyone is on their own with respect to bidding. Again, please heed my warning and don't start dumping bids within the final two minutes of the auction close. You will be running blind at that point in terms of where the high bid stands.

Come Sunday morning, I will be back with an auction closing summary followed by spending the balance of the day loading winning bids into the COIN system and starting to issue invoices. I'm expecting that the invoicing process will not be complete until end of day Monday.

So ends another busy Blog edition. Thanks again for the visit.

Be well!

August 29, 2025

Final Two Days of the Connoisseur's Series Auction Sale

Gold is Again Primary Global Reserve

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September Back Acreage Plan

Greetings and welcome to the Daily Blog as we acknowledge the end of summer 2025 given that the Labor Day weekend is upon us. Thank you for the ongoing readership.

I'm in a great mood this morning as the weather forecast is calling for an overcast day with ongoing periods of rain, the heaviest arriving during the afternoon hours. Rain is a precious commodity here at the homestead for supporting ground water levels and bringing back the landscaping to a green color. The newly seeded area by the new stone wall also needs a good day's rain to kick start the germination during the cooler September temperatures.

Thursday brought yet more progress with the October 11 auction preparations as all on site lots were photographed and the White Pine $5 gold piece images being partially processed. A check in with Len Augsburger confirmed that he is available for writing the auction descriptions. This support is much appreciated given the short window to complete all preparations.

Shifting subjects, spot gold traded above the $3400 mark for the entire day and is still at $3406 on the LBMA. Bank of America has issued a report calling for $4000 gold during the first half of 2026. The gold and silver mining sector has been the top equity market trade in August as investment monies are finally moving into precious metal stocks.

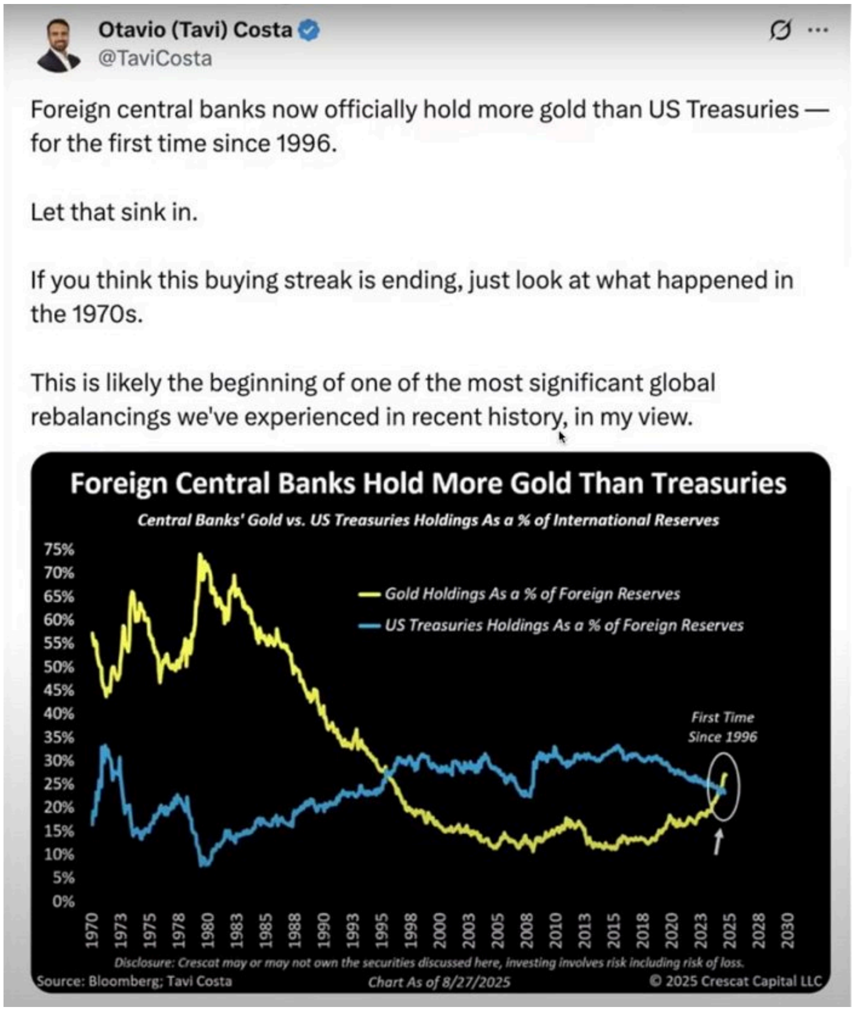
Final Two Days of the Connoisseur's Series Auction Sale

The dreaded contemplation period for the current GFRC Online Auction is now behind us. Already, I have a consultation session scheduled for this morning and will be approving the registration of a new bidder who previewed the Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection lots at the OKC ANA. I can feel the momentum starting to build as a 250 lot auction offers coins at all price points along with the majority being CAC approved.

We enter the final two days of bidding with 99 lots now heading to new homes. On a percentage basis, that is essentially 40% with a little bit of rounding. The gap to a 60% sell through rate is now 51 additional lots needing to find a bidder. I'm very confident that we will achieve a 50% sell through rate, but check back tomorrow morning for my final forecast going into Saturday evening's finale.

Gold is Again the Primary Global Reserve

There is breaking news for the gold bugs among us. Gold is again the primary global reserve on a dollar basis per the following X post by Tavi Costa. Here is a screen capture of that post.


Foreign Central Banks Hold More Gold Than Treasuries
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Foreign central banks now officially hold more gold than US Treasuries — for the first time since 1996.

Let that sink in.

If you think this buying streak is ending, just look at what happened in the 1970s.

This is likely the beginning of one of the most significant global rebalancings we've experienced in recent history, in my view.

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Source: Bloomberg; Tavi Costa

Chart As of 8/27/2025

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To put this graph in context, I asked AI Copilot to defined when the "petrodollar" was establish after Nixon took the United States off of the gold standard during 1971. Following is the response that provides sufficient background for the sharp drop in global gold reserves in the 1980s in lieu of the U.S. dollar.

The petrodollar system was established in the early 1970s, following a series of pivotal geopolitical and economic shifts:

- 1971: The U.S. ended the Bretton Woods system by abandoning the gold standard, which meant the dollar was no longer backed by gold.

- 1973: In the wake of the oil crisis, the U.S. and Saudi Arabia struck a deal: Saudi oil would be priced and sold exclusively in U.S. dollars, and in return, the U.S. would provide military protection and economic cooperation.

- This agreement became the foundation of the petrodollar system, where oil-exporting countries—especially OPEC members—would conduct oil sales in dollars and often reinvest those dollars in U.S. assets.

This system helped solidify the dollar’s status as the global reserve currency, even after its decoupling from gold. It also created a feedback loop known as petrodollar recycling, where oil revenues flowed back into U.S. financial markets.

September Back Acreage Plan

I've not spoken much about work that is ongoing in the back acreage park of late as there have been too many conflicting priorities with the GFRC business and family visits. This situation will change come September as both Tip Line Tree Service and Dave Wilkinson are scheduled to be on site during the second and third weeks of the month. Now you can see why I am frantically attempting to prepare the October 11 auction so quickly.

Here is an image of the back park taken yesterday afternoon after allocating only 1.5 hours on Johnny2. The area behind the gazebo has been the recent focal point. The area immediately in front of the tree line has a sharp drop and is being filled in with several loads of loam tailings, a rocky material that packs well. Once that area is leveled, the new stone wall will see an extension across the path as is highlighted in the image. I've been preparing a rock pile for Dave Wilkinson to work with after the departure of the Yamatin family. Our property is replete with granite rock and why not continue to construct stone walls as the material is free? Also draw onto the image is the location of a 35' flagpole that will be added come the summer of 2026. The flagpole is obviously not to scale and will tower over the gazebo.

Stone Wall Extension
2026 Flagpole

Wrapping Up The Blog

There is no shipping today or Saturday as we are moving into the Labor Day weekend and I don't want to risk any shipments loitering in USPS distribution centers over the long weekend. Accumulated orders will be shipped starting Tuesday.

Today is a 100% office day with a huge effort to post as many October 11 auction images as possible. If wishing to have a private consultation on lots for the current auction, please feel free to call me.

Thank you for today's Daily Blog visit.

Be well!

August 28, 2025

Auction Bidding Heats Up - Final Contemplation Day

30 Day Price List Recovery

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October 11 Auction Lots Posted to Online Catalog

Greetings on a lovely late summer morning and welcome to the Daily Blog. The Labor Day weekend is just 48 hours away! Thank you for the visit.

There is much to report in today's Blog as I spent the entire day in the office on Wednesday. From the time that yesterday's Blog was uploaded to the 5:00 PM happy hour, there was non-stop efforts towards moving forward with the GFRC business. Today's preamble will be brief given the amount of items to announce and discuss.

Auction Bidding Heats Up - Final Contemplation Day

Wednesday brought a reasonable amount of incremental bidding for the Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection auctions during the quiet contemplation period. The statistics are improving with 92 lots now heading to new homes with the final destinations determined on Saturday evening. Our sell through rate has climbed to 37% with still a substantial amount of ground to cover towards the 60% goal. Another 58 lots must sell between now and Saturday's 9:00 PM auction close. Please remember that all GFRC auctions have a hard close, therefore bidding for all 250 lots will stop at exactly 9:00 PM.

In terms of sales volume, the current auction has a tally of $166,000 or so, which is a 32% of the initial reserves. The Tenafly CAC approved $5 gold continues to lag in terms of demand and I don't understand why. These lots were carefully selected by Tom and are competitively priced.

As for the Port Matilda 1814/3 $5 gold lot, the key question is whether anyone will step forward with a bid that overtakes the current winning bid.

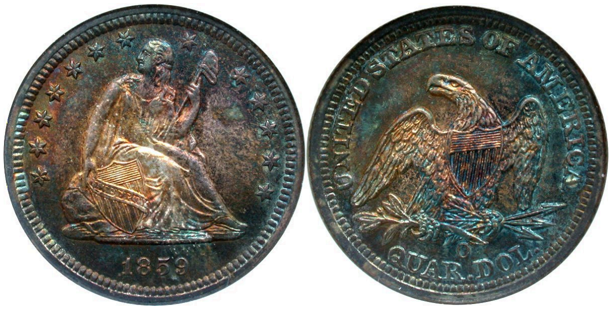
Today brings the final contemplation day for the current auction. We are hoping that a few more regular clients will jump into the fray and disclose their bidding positions.

30 Day Price List Recovery

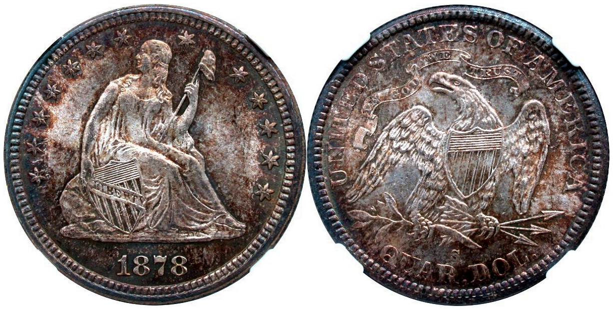
As stated in Wednesday's Blog, one of the day's goal was to recharge the 30 Day Price List with newly consigned lots secured at the Oklahoma City ANA show. I hope that you will check this popular price list this morning as 18 new offerings were posted including three awesome Mint State Liberty Seated quarters, one of which has already sold. According to the consignor, the 1859-O NGC MS64 Fatty and the 1878-S NGC MS65+ are both fresh coins and completely new to the market. My own auction lot research supports this fact. Here are images of the two lots. If there is no immediately demand, I'm sending these to CAC New Jersey for review. If the 1859-O were to sticker, it would be pop two at grade with a single MS65 finer.

Important Liberty Seated Quarters to Consider

1859-O NGC MS64 25C Fatty - $12,000



1878-S NGC MS65+ 25C - $14,500



The 1862-S PCGS MS63 quarter, from the same consignor, was promptly purchased by a long time GFRC client that operates out of Florida. My congratulations go out to this collecting duo for their important acquisition.

October 11 Auction Lots Posted to Online Catalog

I was on a mission yesterday to add the White Pine $5 gold to the COIN database along with the current on-hand Island City Type Set pieces. This objective was met including posting these to the online auction catalog as a new auction event. Please check the auction catalog and you will find 71 new lots appended to the current auction. Of course, the postings are without images, descriptions or reserves at this point. As a preview treat, here is a group photo of the White Pine No Motto and Motto $5 gold pieces. This release is quite substantial given the number of Charlotte lots plus rare Civil War Philadelphia and San Francisco issues. Given that 90% of these lots are CAC approved, I must believe that the October 11 auction will draw considerable attention.

As usual, clicking on the below image will provide access to a higher resolution version which is necessary for reading the individual dates on the holders.

Other Consignment GFRC News...

I'm also pleased to report that a steady U.S. gold consignor will be sending another installment come next week. This shipment will be exclusively $20 Saints including a 1907 High Relief and nearly ten pieces in early PCGS rattler holders. Stay tuned for more information concerning this important consignment development.

Wrapping Up The Blog

Today's primary objective is the photography of the White Pine and Island City Collection pieces for the October 11th auction. I'd like to get all of the lots properly imaged and loaded into the online auction catalog by the end of next week.

Of course, I continue to watch the precious metal trends while working in the office. The gold and silver miners have been moving upward as money pours into the sector in anticipation of higher gold and silver prices.

As of 7:40 AM EST, gold is trading at $3407 across the pond at the London gold exchange. Silver is again approaching the $39/oz mark with a quote of $38.89. I'm very bullish on these metals at the moment for a host of reasons. One of which, and not discussed on any financial channel, is an growing long bond yield crisis throughout the globe. Yields for the UK 30 Year Gilt, plus German, and Japanese 30 year bonds continue to climb as national fiscal budgets continue to produce deficit spending. Sovereign debt levels are becoming a substantial issue. In the United States, Trump is aggressive tacking this matter by shifting deficit financing to the short end of the yield curve along with tariffs and the Genius Act that will allow banks and companies to issue Stablecoins based on their holding of U.S. Treasuries. In other words, Trump has created a new market for U.S. deficit financing. However, I am skeptical as this strategy will increase the money supply and lead to more inflation. Gold and silver will be the beneficiaries of higher inflation and a global debt crisis. So far, my research and intuitions have been correct and if taking personal actions, you have done well.

Thanks again for the visit.

Be well!

August 27, 2025

A Quiet Auction Contemplation Period

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West Texas Collection Seated Quarters Posting to the 30 Day Price List

Greetings and welcome to the Daily Blog on a Wednesday morning. We appreciate the ongoing patronage.

There are days when it is difficult to compose yet another Blog edition. One side of me wants to surrender and take a pass for the day. The other committed side pushes for consistency and staying the course. It appears that the the committed side has won today's mental battle.

Little has changed weather wise as the north New England drought continues. Yes, the days are becoming cooler and the morning trail walks at that much more enjoyable due to cool conditions and a lack of insects.

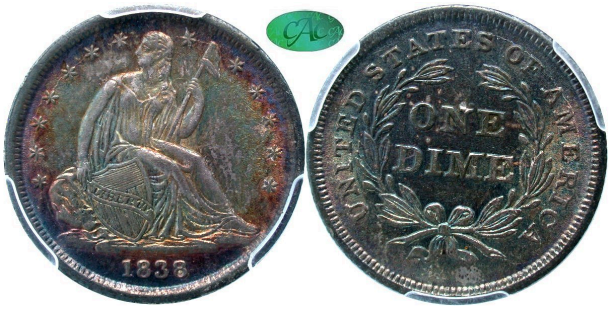
Let's move into the headline topics, shall we?

A Quiet Auction Contemplation Period

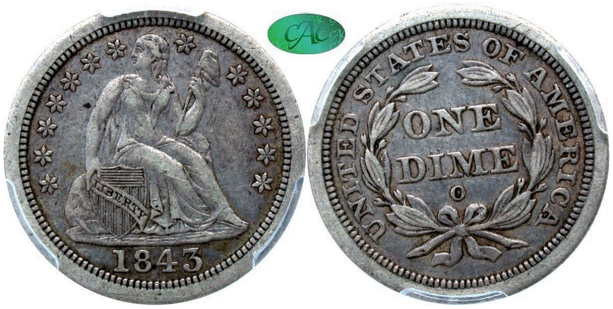
Simply stated, there were no bids on Tuesday. Therefore, the statistic are unchanged.

Following are six lots that have no bids but should given their premium quality and eye appeal. I've reviewed and studied these auction lots enough to tender an insightful judgment on those that warrant serious consideration and a bid. Here goes...

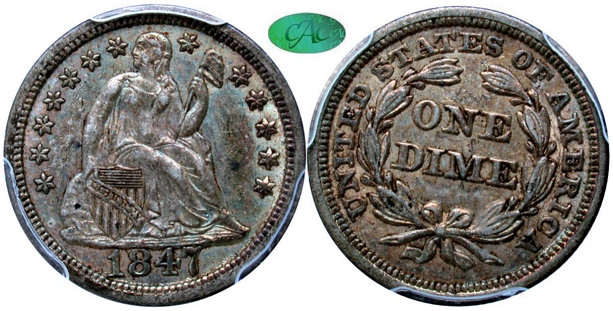
1838 Sm Stars F-101a PCGS AU58 CAC 10C - $900



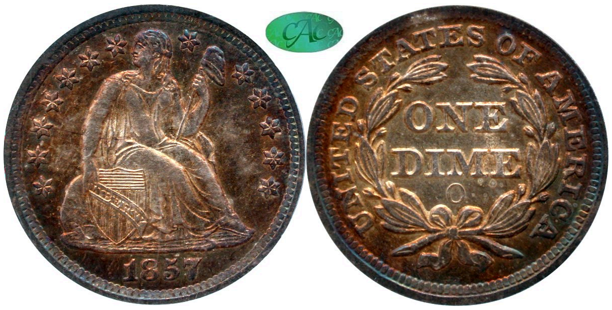
1843-O F-101 PCGS EF45 CAC 10C - $7500



1847 F-103 PCGS AU55 CAC 10C - $1000



1857-O F-105 PCGS MS62 CAC H10C - $825

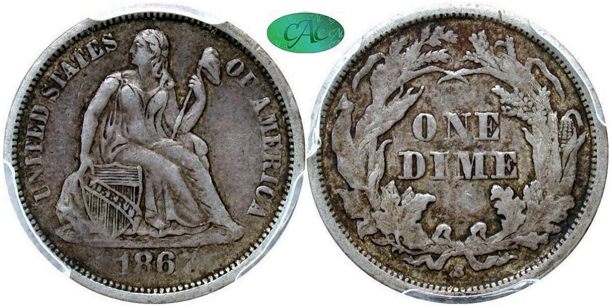


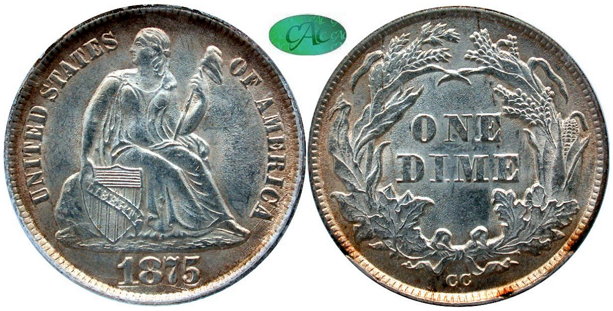
1859 MPD F-103 PCGS MS62 CAC 10C - $850

1860-O F-101 PCGS VF25 CAC 10C - $3950

1867-S F-102a PCGS EF40 CAC 10C - $1600

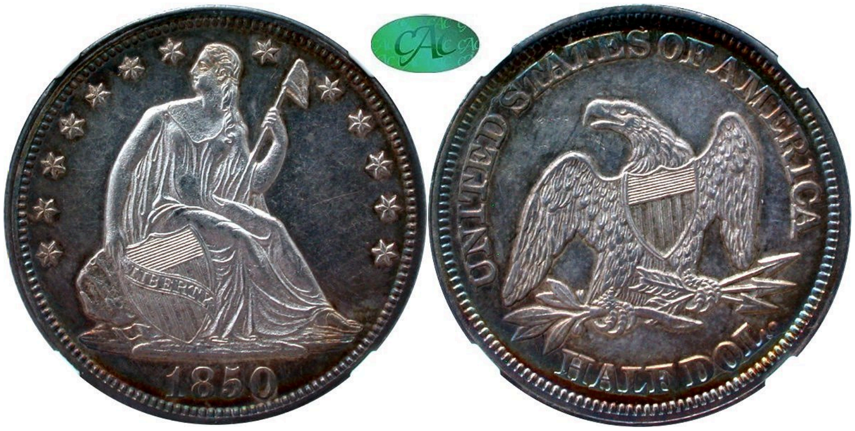
1875-CC BW F-103a PCGS MS62 CAC 10C - $1650





One correction is in order. The 1850 NGC MS62 lot is not CAC approved per the description and lack of a CAC green bean in the date and grade table column. I liked the coin so much when processing images that a CAC green bean symbol was mistakenly inserted. We are at the point in the auction that even if I update the image and remove the CAC emblem, everyone has the current image stored in their image history folder with the revised image not being displayed.

Eric P. Newman 1850 WB-4 NGC MS62 50c is NOT CAC Approved



West Texas Collection Seated Quarters Posting to the 30 Day Price List

The first order of the day is posting the West Texas Liberty Seated quarter consignment to the 30 Day Price List. These lots were showcased yesterday in the Blog. Already the 1849-O PCGS F12 lot has been listed.

Wrapping Up The Blog

As much as I would like to work outdoors, today brings an office day focused on loading all the White Pine and Island City Collection lots, targeted for the October 11 auction, into the COIN database along with as much photography as possible. The October 11 auction is not that far off and I need to get moving quickly to ensure a premium GFRC Online Auctions event for our long time clients.

Thank you for the visit. Maybe tomorrow's Blog edition will have more fresh content.

Be well!

August 26, 2025

GFRC Online Auctions - Heading into the Contemplation Period

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Rescuing the 30 Day Price List

Greetings on a Tuesday morning and welcome to another Daily Blog edition. Thank you for stopping by.

Little has changed in the past 24 hours other than the GFRC office being back to normal operations. Our next coin show, the NH Coin Expo in Manchester, arrives towards the end of October which provides for two months of autumn enjoyment at the Raymond, Maine property. After the Manchester show, there is a short break before the "Winter" Baltimore show followed by heading south to Florida. The cycle of seasons and life is unstoppable.

We been so busy that I failed to realize that the coming weekend brings the Labor Day holiday. The current GFRC Online Auction closes on Saturday with invoicing taking place on Sunday. Early ship aheads will therefore be released on Tuesday into the USPS system rather than on Monday.

Speaking of Labor Day, this is an important milestone each year for the locals who have had enough of the summer tourist season. Gone will be the tourists and summer vacation home owners throughout the Lake Region and Sebago area. RT 302, the main roadway from I95 into our area, will again have reasonable traffic flow. This fact was apparent last evening when Diane and I took the 718 Boxster to the Dugout Ice Cream shop in Windham for a delightful treat. Traffic was minimal on the roadway and at the ice cream venue. Upon arrival and parking the Porsche, there were two young adults who gawked at our car and had to meet the owners. What was the horsepower and how fast have I driven the car were the points of interest. Honestly, I pushed the Boxster over 100 mph just a few time and the feeling is no different than 85-90 mph. The main difference is the risk of a felony speeding ticket.

OK, let's move forward with today's numismatic content...

GFRC Online Auctions - Heading into the Contemplation Period

Just as predictable as death and taxes, our current Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection auction sale has arrived to the dreaded contemplation period. Yes, it is already Tuesday with the initial bidding behind us. The contemplation period spans from Tuesday through Thursday with bidders now reflecting on the current bid status of their targeted lots. Come Friday, the bidding intensity will increase and culminate on Saturday evening.

As of this morning, there are 82 lots heading to new collector homes. Simple math indicates a 33% sell through rate with a large gap to overcome towards achieving our regular 60% target. Unsold lots, after Saturday evening's finale will be promptly posted to the 30 Day Price List and Collectors Corner. To achieve the 60% sell through rate, another 68 lots must enjoy at least one bid in the coming days. This should be achievable given the number of lots with reserves under $400 and the many CAC green beans.

Please remember that this auction is the final time that a large group of Liberty Seated Dime die variety web-book plate coins will be offered in one session. After this auction event, those lots will be dispersed into the community.

On a sales volume basis, total bids are roughly at $150,000 or a 29% rate against the initial reserves.

Rescuing the 30 Day Price List

I must admit that the 30 Day Price List is a skeleton with little flesh on the bones. That will change in the next 48 hours as I am working on 18 lots that were consigned prior to and at the OKC ANA. Following is a group photo of those lots for your consideration.

If looking carefully, you will note an 1849-O Seated quarter and 1853 No Arrows too! The 1891 dime and 1859-O quarter are housed in pristine NGC Gen 4 Fatty holders with the reverse hologram fully intact. Please note the three high end Seated quarters including a GFRC-Gem rated 1859-O NGC MS64, an 1862-S PCGS MS63, and a spectacular 1878-S graded NGC MS65+. The 1859 NGC MS64 Seated half is also really sweet!

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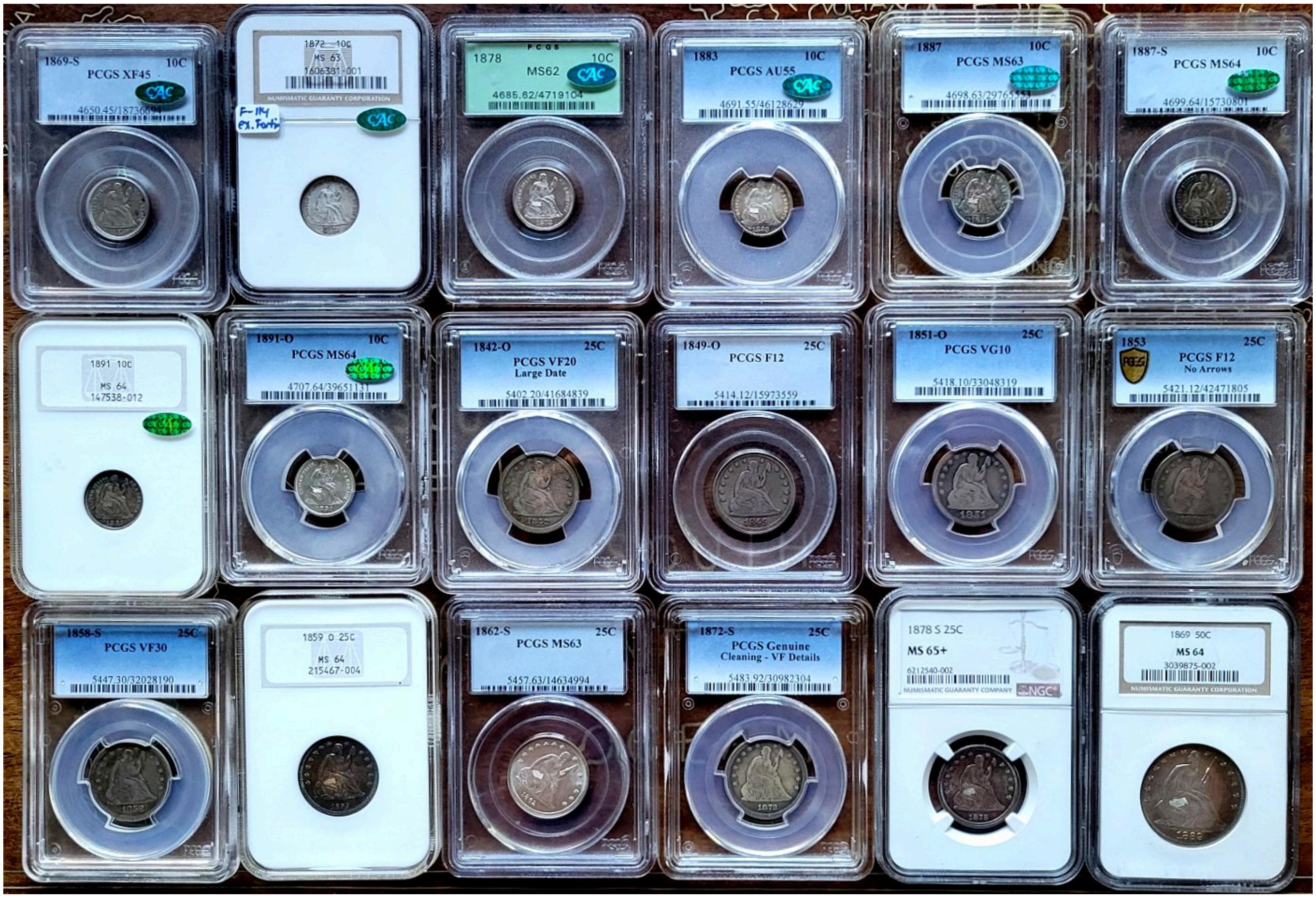
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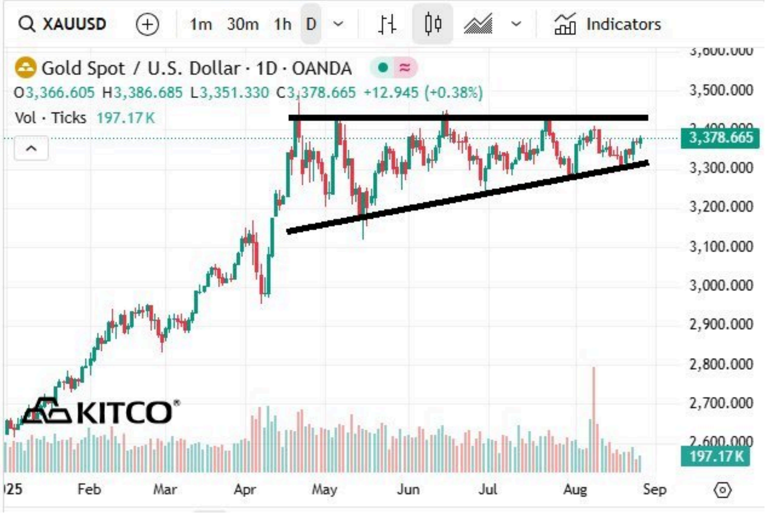
Wrapping Up The Blog

Today brings the usual morning time in the office with four packages to be shipped followed by preparing a pricing proposal for the above lots. Photography was accomplished on Monday and it will not take long to process the images. I should be in the office through 2:30 PM at which point it is time for some fun on Johnny2.

I continue to watch the precious metals as gold is again pushing up against the $3400/oz ceiling as illustrated in the following Kitco trend chart. Note how gold has traded in a very tight range that technical traders call a "bullish flag" formation. The top portion of the flag is the ceiling at about $3425/oz while the bottom of the flag continues to slope upward toward the top of the flag. An upward sloping trend indicates that traders are buying gold whenever there is any signs of weakness. On the other hand, traders are selling whenever gold hits the $3400+ level. This consolidation is obviously positive for the yellow precious metal with an upward breakout due in the coming 30 days.



Once gold does finally breakout, the long consolidation period is like a coiled spring that will propel the metal much higher as there will be a scramble to ride the new wave.

Thanks again for the ongoing visit.

Be well!

August 25, 2025

GFRC Online Auction Bidders Out in Force!

Greetings and welcome to the Daily Blog on the final August 2025 Monday. Thank you for the visit.

Yes, the month of September arrives in just one week and my favorite time of the year here in Maine. September is typically a dry month which is not good as we are in a serious drought at this point. Today's forecast calls for afternoon thunderstorms which would be a blessing. The conditions are so dry that the driveway maple tree is already changing colors a full month ahead of normal. After working so hard to construct a beautiful landscape, when green, the current brown conditions and dropping leaves are quite disheartening. That being said, there is nothing that can be done when living with a drilled well water supply. We are thankful that the water supply continues to be robust during these dry periods.

Sunday was yet another busy day as Diane and I worked through the post Oklahoma City ANA office admin along with securing groceries. Most of the show inventory has been filed and is sitting back in the safe. There gets to be a point where a slower pace in a life is required as we are feeling tired and need some recovery time. But here I am composing yet another Blog edition and hosting a huge GFRC online auction.

Let's shift the focus to gold and silver for a moment. After Friday's price increases, along with a 1.5+% spike in the equity markets, I was curious as to where the precious metals would open in London trading. The good news is that gold has opened close to Friday's close with the 7:00 AM quote at $3367/oz. Silver, is also holding up nicely and trading at $38.65. Silver is presently outpacing gold, a noteworthy divergence that is in line with many precious metal analysts predictions. The question is now whether silver will break through the $40 mark before gold can exceed the $3500 level.

GFRC Online Auction Bidders Out in Force!

Sunday brought a host of auction bidders to the latest GFRC auction event after a somewhat quiet launch on Saturday evening. We are most pleased with the early morning auction tally that indicates yet another sales event that is unfolding in a positive manner. Here are the numbers...

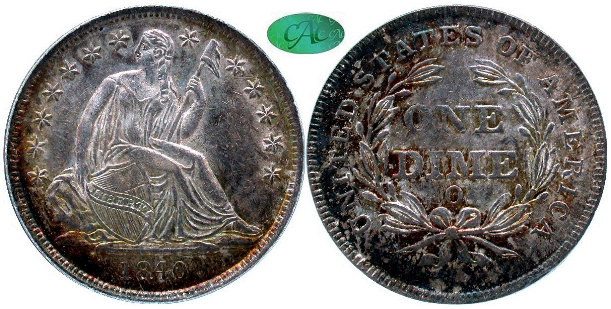
Sunday brought a ton of bidding with the tally at an even 80 lots enjoying at least one bid. That is a 32% sell through rate after the opening weekend. In terms of sales volume, the present high bid tally is a tad over $140,000 against the initial $520,000 reserves, a 27% achievement.

The top dog in this auction continues to be the Port Matilda 1814/3 $5 gold piece. Two impressive maxim bids were realized during the auction open with the lot now positioned at close to a $26,000 sale price. My condolences go out to all the individuals who stopped by the GFRC OKC ANA booth to view this monster lot along with planning their bidding strategy. Two aggressive bidders have pushed this lot to a point where it will take some soul searching for incremental bidding. But then again, anything is possible at a GFRC auction event.

The under performing auction segment is the Tenafly Liberty $5 gold as only the 1839 dated lot has secured a bid. One would expect that CAC approved early gold would be popular in an auction setting. We are hoping for incremental action during the coming days.

There are five notable lots that have secured mid-four figure bids worthy of being showcased next.

1840-O F-101a PCGS AU58 CAC 10C - Bid at $5500



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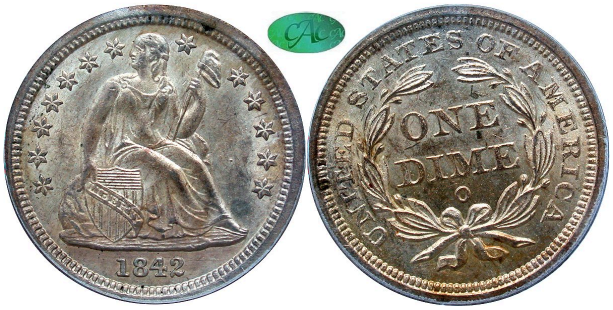

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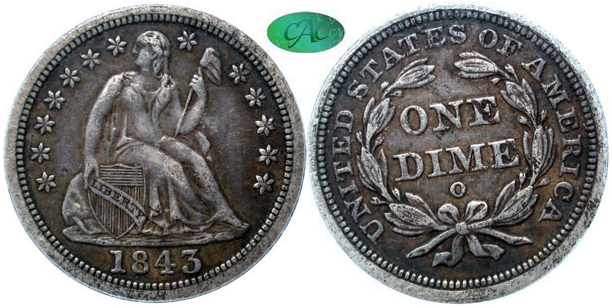
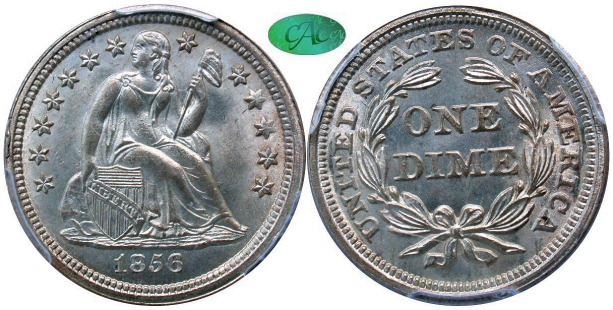


1856 Sm Date F-111 PCGS MS66 CAC 10C - Bid at $5000



1864-S F-101 PCGS MS64 10C - Bid at $5500

Wrapping Up The Blog

Since being a Monday morning, our attention shifts to the accumulated shipping queue that requires attention. Afterwards, the balance of the day will be spent in the office loading the forthcoming October 11 White Pine and Island City auction lots into the COIN system. Since working in the office throughout the day, I would be glad to respond to any auction lot questions or whatever is necessary to secure your bids. Come Tuesday, a much needed break will find me on Johnny2 in the back acreage park.

Actually, today's Blog edition has been a bit of a struggle to compose as we are tired from the many days of family visits followed by an immediate trip to OKC and the ANA event. At some point, an unstructured day with idle time is necessary to recharge the batteries.

Thank you again for the visit.

Be well!

August 24, 2025

The Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection Auction Sale Is Underway!

The Oregon Beaver Visits the GFRC Booth

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Ed "Big Daddy" Roth Artistry at the Blake Gibb Sports Car Warehouse

Greetings again from the GFRC Maine office and welcome to a Sunday Daily Blog edition. Thank you for the visit.

The autumn temperature transition is now underway in northern New England as daily highs will be peaking in the mid 70s along with overnight lows in the low 50s. This is undoubtedly my favorite time of the year as the cooler temperatures subdue the insect populations. Walking the back acreage trails or working outdoors becomes thoroughly pleasant.

There is a GFRC Online Auction underway with initial bidding arriving on Saturday evening. Let's jump into that headline topic first...

The Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection Auction Sale Is Underway!

Yes, the latest GFRC Online Auctions event is now live and seeking your bids. This auction is a Liberty Seated dime centric event therefore we must keep this fact in mind when reviewing the bidding progress. Along with two Liberty Seated dime collections, there are notable Seated quarters and halves to consider. Fans of early United States gold also have some delightful lots to consider given the Tenafly $5 No Motto gold, and of course the Port Matilda Collection's 1814/3 monster $5 gold piece.

As of this Blog composition, 10% of the 250 overall lots have enjoyed early bidding with the bid totals already at $60,129. Total reserves are $520,000 as reference, so we are at a tad above 11% of that figure.

I'm confident that there will be more extensive bidding today so please keep an eye on the online catalog.

The Oregon Beaver Visits the GFRC Booth

Let's return to the just completed Oklahoma City ANA show for a few final thoughts and images.

Overall, the OKC ANA was a strong show and well attended. Tuesday was very busy as both dealers and retail customers arrived to the GFRC booth after setup. Active sales continued on Wednesday since being the first full day for general public attendance. Thursday and Friday saw a slowdown with the GFRC team breaking down at 3:00 PM on Friday. At this point, we were tired and cold since our table was directly under an aggressive air-con blower.

On the consignment side of the GFRC business, we took in over 80 coins including the previously mentioned Island City Type Set pieces and the White Pine early $5 No Motto gold. I'm in discussion with Island City to determine if more lots will be added in the coming days.

There were several memorable moments at the show with one being the arrival of the Oregon Beaver. Ron Marek appeared at the booth on Thursday afternoon and returned on Friday morning. Here is an image of the "Beaver" far right with Blake, Diane, and Gerry as another great memory.

Ed "Big Daddy" Roth Artistry at the Blake Gibb Sports Car Warehouse

Diane and I are so appreciative for the gracious hosting by Blake and Meliza while at the OKC ANA. We were treated to dinner meals at small local eateries that tourists will not have the pleasure of visiting. Tuesday evening brought Vietnamese food, followed by barbecue on Wednesday and some fantastic Mexican food on Friday evening. After Friday's dinner, we returned to Blake's sports car warehouse for a more extensive building tour including his massive comic book collection. While touring the warehouse, Blake showcased a wall behind his older Ferrari Testarossa, the same model that was center stage in the Miami Vice series.

The wall murals are the artistry of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, an American artist and cartoonist. Roth is best known for his grotesque caricatures—typified by Rat Fink—depicting imaginary, out-sized monsters driving representations of the hot rods that he and his contemporaries built.

Blake is blessed to have had the opportunity to have Ed Roth on site at this warehouse resulting in the wall murals as featured in the next image. I could not resist the opportunity to document this moment with Blake, Diane, and Meliza enjoying themselves after Friday's dinner.

Wrapping Up The Blog

Clearly, today is an office day as the OKC ANA inventory must be unpacked along with a host of post coin show administrative workload. If there are any bidding questions, please don't hesitate to reach out via text, phone, or email as I will be around all day to help resolve your concerns or questions.

Thank you again for the visit.

Be well!

August 23, 2025

It is Good to be Back Home In Maine

A Six Figure Plus OKC ANA

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The Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection Auction Sale Opens on 9:00 PM!

Greetings from the GFRC Raymond, Maine office and welcome to a really delayed Daily Blog edition. Thanks, as always, for checking in.

My apology for not blogging on Friday and Saturday mornings as there are legitimate excuses.

Friday morning was quite busy on the OKC ANA bourse floor after we opened the GFRC booth at 8:00 AM. There were good intentions to compose an edition, but then I ended up running a lot of consignor coins on the bourse floor in an attempt to move out some higher priced high dollars. Before I knew it, 10:00 AM had arrived and the show was open to the public.

Diane and I had a 6:30 AM flight out of the OKC airport this morning which meant being up quite early leading to an airport taxi pickup at 4:30 AM. The two American Airlines flights back to Maine were uneventful other than the Charlotte to Portland, Maine leg being a baby nursery with the concentration near our assigned seats. At one point I just looked at Diane and reminder her why I hate flying at this stage in life. But we are home and the MDX is unpacked. The first order of business was to power-up the laptop as we have a serious 250 piece GFRC Online Auction opening this evening.

Overall, the OKC ANA was a strong show and GFRC sold into the six figures. We were able to meet a host of new faces and long time clients. More on this topic in Sunday's edition. The only negative was the location of the GFRC booth under a ceiling air-con fan blowing cold air. We were cold for much of the show with Tuesday being so bad that the airflow was blowing dollar bills off of our cases. I had to complain and ask for help to turn down the blowers. By Friday early afternoon, I had a chill down to my bones resulting in the team breaking down at 3:00 PM.

The Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection Auction Sale Opens on 9:00 PM!

There is it, the Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection auction reminder headline. At 9:00 PM, our latest auction goes live and we welcome early bids with open arms. We hope that eveyone bids often and strong!

A short auction viewing story is in order. At the OKC ANA, the 1814/3 PCGS EF45 CAC Rattler $5 Capped Bust gold piece was the highlight of the auction lot cases. We must have pulled that coin out of the case more than dozen times on requests along with those that stopped to gawk. Clearly, this coin is going to sell at a number above the reserve. The question is how high will the bidding go come next Saturday evening.. My estimate is $23,000 to $25,000 otherwise, the many collectors who looked at the coin have not stepped up.

While sitting in the Charlotte NC airport as today connection point, an infrequent client sends an email asking if I will accept an offer on the 1814/3 if the coin does not sell at the auction reserve. He reminded me that the reserve was high as CAC guide is $14,500. My response was to the point, "Are you kidding?". Nope, he was not kidding and expected the coin to not sell at the reserve. It is tough to deal with those who are numismatically challenged and exhibting basic skills limited to reading a TPG label and a price guide. Sorry, but I hope the individual learns something from this call out.

As a little window dressing for this Blog edition, here is the 1814/3 $5 gold piece.

How High Will She Go?

1814/3 BD-1 PCGS EF45 CAC Rattler G$5 - Reserved at $19,500

Good luck to everyone who decides to place there bids this evening. We appreciate the early participation which will give me something to discuss within Sunday morning's Blog edition.

Wrapping Up A Late Blog

It is already after 4:00 PM with most of the day behind me. Will I wait for 5:00 PM to start Happy Hour, or is 4:30 PM acceptable?

Up next is unpacking to luggage pieces full of double row slabbed boxes and reorganizing the price list and auction inventory in the safe. Maybe that can wait until after dinner as all work and no play is no fun at this stage in a life.

Be well, and see you on Sunday morning.

August 21, 2025

OKC ANA Well Beyond Expectations

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The Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection Auction Sales Open on Saturday!

Greetings again from the OKC ANA bourse floor on an early Thursday morning. Thank you so much for checking back.

The GFRC staff is in a bit of a laid back mode this morning after two busy days, If Summer ANA coin show history repeats itself, Thursday is typically the slowest day of the show week with Friday picking back up before this major numismatic event wraps up on Saturday. As a dealer, the show is a full week of being on the road along with the pre-show preparations and the post show administration.

What is the word on the show? Excellent and well beyond expectations. GFRC came to Oklahoma City with low expectations which have been well exceeded. After setting up on Tuesday morning. the wholesale dealer trade kicked in along with early bird retail. Wednesday was a full day of retails sales as many old friends arrived to our booth. Liberty Seated halves, quarters and U.S. gold were the strongest product lines coincident with the amount of inventory in the cases. The Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection lot viewing cases were also very active, again well beyond expectations. The reason is likely due to the fact that both collections offer coins at a collector "sweet spot" in terms of grades, CAC approval, and reserve prices. The 1814/3 $5 gold piece was by far the most active coin in the auction cases with a constant in-and-out as both collectors and dealers needing to view the piece. The consensus opinion is that this PCGS rattler encased lot is full AU50 and will see spirited bidding.

The day ended with Blake and Meliza taking Gerry, Diane, and Rich Hundertmark to a local barbecue venue that was certainly out of the way with a great menu selection and tasty food. The pork ribs were much large that expected and the spinach salad was close to Diane's creation back in Maine. After dinner, we received a lovely tour of the less than regularly travel locales within the city. By the time we were back in the hotel room, falling asleep was nearly instantaneous.

There were several highlights on Wednesday afternoon with one being good and another being stunningly bad. The Oregon Beaver made his first appearance at a major coin show in a decade with his arrival to OKC and quickly visiting booth #621 to introduce himself. I knew that the Beaver was coming to the show but the appearance was still a lovely anticipated surprise. Now for the bad...

If was near closing time with Diane, Rich, Blake and Gerry all standing within the booth confines when a dealer walks up to the U.S. gold case and points to one of our CAC approved gold Carson City pieces. No pleasantries, but rather a pointed finger to the coin. As I learned afterwards, Blake has shown this dealer the coin earlier. I took the coin to the laptop to check on what could be possibly be done in terms of a courtesy discount. A number was formulated and the coin returned to the dealer with the offer price. What happened next stunned us. He drops the coin on the case with an ugly face and states that the coin has scratches on the face and CAC does not know what they are doing and boldly walks away as if completely insulted with the offer price. Seriously, we were in shock as to the terrible behavior and just looked at each other to check if this moment had been imagined or was real. At that point we closed the booth and called it a day. This dealer now has the distinction of never again being welcomed at the booth.

A GFRC Team Photo!

Here is an image of the GFRC team prior to Rich Hundertmark's depature for the airport.

Gerry Fortin Rare Coins
GERRY FORTIN RARE COINS

The Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection Auction Sales Open on Saturday!

In just the matter of two plus days, the next GFRC Online Auction will be live come August 23 at 9:00 PM. This is a huge GFRC event with 250 lots to consider including a truly fine amount of Liberty Seated dimes and U.S. gold along with a lovely selection of Seated quarters and halves.

At this point, there is not much else that can be shared that is new. Come next week and being back in the office, I will be blogging a running commentary on the bidding results and continually highlighting my favorite pieces.

Wrapping Up The Blog

There is little else to share at this point. Rich is back in the booth after walking the floor for the last time as he exits come the late morning for a flight back to North Carolina. Blake is on his way and will immediately light up the booth's energy level upon arrival.

Thank you again for checking in and staying current with GFRC adventures.

Be well!

August 20, 2025

A Robust Oklahoma City ANA Show...So Far!

Greetings from the OKC ANA bourse floor and welcome to the Daily Blog on a Wednesday. Thank you for the visit.

Believe it or not, this is the second time that I write a Blog edition today. I'm still going through a learning curve with the Lenovo laptop including a few application hiccups. One was losing this morning's Blog edition as the laptop did not save the new composition. Therefore, here we are on a Wednesday afternoon to write again in between customers arriving to the GFRC booth.

Cutting to the chase, the OKC show has been robust to say the least. We were pleasantly surprised with Tuesday results. After setting up at 8:00 AM, the initial early birds arrived to the floor at 10:30 AM followed by the general public at 1:00 PM. The GFRC booth was pretty much non-stop busy the entire day between dealers looking for wholesale deals across the Newtown Liberty Seated halves and regular collectors securing first shot at price list inventory. Tough GFRC is a smaller dealer, we still are able to garner a reasonable amount of attention with our consignors sure to be pleased.

Here is a late Wednesday morning impromptu image of the happenings at the GFRC booth. Yes, that is Blake being Blake when the camera comes out.

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That is it for now as the show is still cranking in full force.

Thank you for the visit.

Be well!

August 16, 2025

Heading to the OKC ANA

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GFRC Online Auctions - August 23 Connoisseur's Sale Approaches

Greetings on a Sunday morning and welcome to the Daily Blog. Thank you for the visit.

Another busy day is in the cards as the Yamatin family departs for Boston while Gerry remains at the homestead to pack up the GFRC business for the OKC ANA. Today's Blog edition focuses on two important remainders.

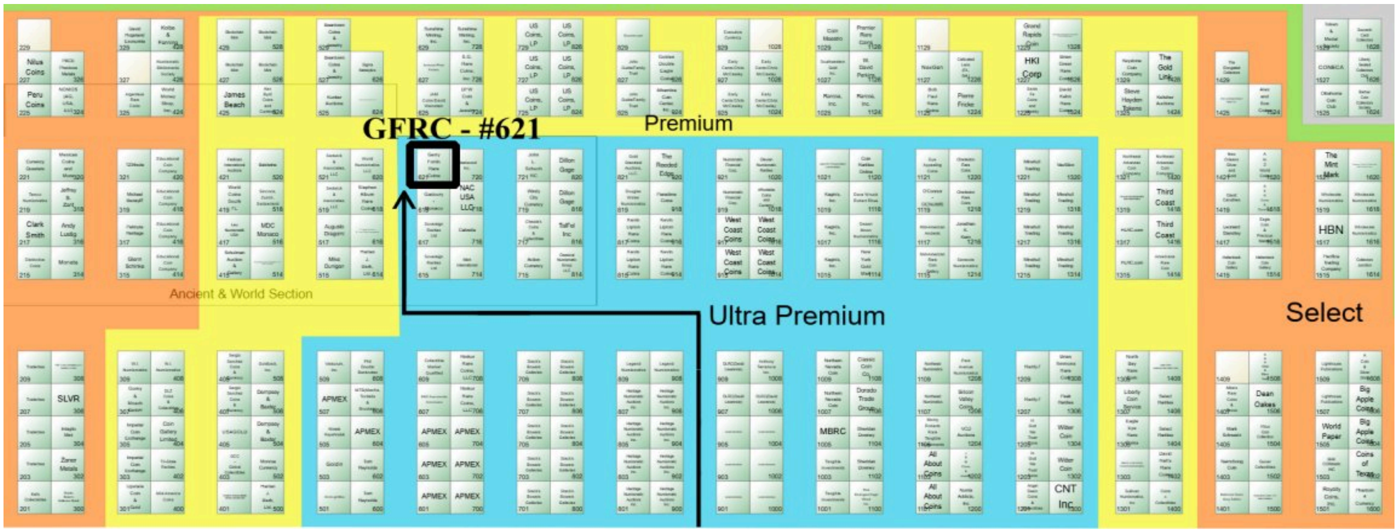
Oklahoma City ANA - GFRC at Booth #621

Locating the GFRC booth #621 requires a bit on walking on the bourse. We are on the far left of the UltraPremium section as illustrated next. Being a smaller dealer, we were close to last to select a table in the UltraPremium section, therefore our location. Working at the GFRC table, along with Gerry and Diane, will be Rich Hundertmark (GFRC-Lite) and Blake Gibb as table assistants.

GFRC will have eight cases at the corner table containing both auction lots and normal retail inventory. Since traveling via air, we are limited to the amount of coins that can be transported as compared to Whitman Baltimore and the Winter FUN show. Most of the Massachusetts and Tenafly auction lots will be available for auction lot viewing coupled with our regular price list inventory.

We are looking forward to face to face meetings with long time clients and those new to the GFRC platform.

Oklahoma City ANA - GFRC at Booth #621



I will be reporting from the OKC ANA when possible. Therefore, incremental Daily Blog editions will be posted on a best effort basis. There will be no Blog editions on Monday (flying) and Tuesday (8:00 AM) dealer setup. Let's see how the rest of the week plays out.

GFRC Online Auctions - August 23 Connoisseur's Sale Approaches

The next GFRC Online Auctions event arrives on the final day of the OKC ANA show, which is Saturday August 23.

The online catalog is available 24/7 for review and your auction bidding strategy setting. Come Saturday evening at 9:00 PM, the auction will go live and another week long bidding session will be underway.

Though being Liberty Seated dime centric, this event also offers a wonderful assemblage of Liberty Seated quarters and halves followed by U.S. gold. The 1814/3 Capped Bust PCGS EF45 CAC $5 gold piece is the standout lot that is sure to garner attention. This lot is a fitting opening for the Tenafly $5 gold run from 1839 through 1894-S.

Based on private lot reviews via phone discussions with several clients, I believe this auction will be well subscribed. The CAC that the majority of the lots are CAC approved should enable our community to bid with confidence. This will be the last opportunity for passionate Liberty Seated dime collectors to gain access to Fortin web-book plate coins in one auction session. With time, those plate coins will continue to be dispersed throughout the collector base.

Of course, there will be auction commentary, in the Daily Blog, starting on Sunday August 24 and throughout the auction week.

Wrapping Up The Blog

There is little else to share at this point so let's wrap up with a thank you for the visit. If attending the OKC ANA, please be sure to stop by our booth #621 to say hello to Gerry, Diane, along with Rich from GFRC-Lite, and Blake Gibb, our home town host.

Be well!

August 15, 2025

A Roadway Shooting in Windham, Maine

First Blog Edition with Lenovo Laptop

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Preparing for the the OKC ANA

Greetings and welcome to the Daily Blog at the August 2025 midpoint. Thank you for the return visit.

Southern Maine weather continues to be dry, really dry to the point that the birches are turning yellow and certain hard wood species are already moving into autumn colors. Our lawn is a crispy brown at this point and quite a sad situation for someone who prides himself in keeping attractive landscaping. The weather is out of my control and not much that can be done when on a well system. At this point, we should be thankful that the drought has not impacted the homestead water supply.

You might have heard about a shooting in Windham, Maine on Friday afternoon. I was lucky enough to be driving down to the Windham Staple to retrieve the Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection auction catalogs and arrived a few minutes after the event. The shooting took place on busy RT 302 which is the primary artery from I95 to the Sebago Lakes region. When I first arrived into downtown Raymond, there were six police vehicles in front of the "donut shop" across from the Raymond Post Office mall with traffic slowed as everyone was wondering what was going on. My immediate gut feel was that the police were looking for someone in that area.

I proceeded down RT302 to Windham with another three police cars heading north to Raymond. Yes, something big was happening. Once arriving into Windham at the Walmart and Hannaford store area, the reason was clear. Southbound traffic was backed up and being diverted right into a small road behind Walmart as there was a downed motorcycle in the northbound lane with a sheet covered body next to it. A second vehicle, a pickup truck with trailer was also off the road on the opposite side of the motorcycle. The thought at that time was that someone caused an accident and left the scene. Since being a local and knowing the short cuts, I diverted and drove through the Walmart parking lot which connects with the next mall that houses Staples. The catalog were secured and the return home ride took me east to the Town of Gray before heading north to the homestead.

Once home, we received a shelter in place warning on our cellphones as a shooter was on the loose at the Raymond/Windham town line, which is nearby the Raymond donut shop, By early evening, the shooter has been apprehended.

This event is big news for Windham, Maine and I had to share.

Today is the first Daily Blog edition being composed on the new Lenovo laptop as the port is complete. After returning home with the catalogs on Friday, the balance of the afternoon was spent wrapping up and debugging the port. The Lenovo is ready for transport to the OKC ANA on Monday. The quick move off the Dell XPS was wise as that laptop has been erratic since the slow charging event.

Preparing for the the OKC ANA

Today brings the final full day for the Yamatin family visit with Diane driving the family back to Boston on Sunday morning. After the Blog is uploaded, my attention shifts to invoicing ANA lots that will be picked up at the show along with starting to sort inventory that will be transported versus staying behind. We are flying with only 9 double row slabbed boxes of inventory with another empty box for the Island City and White Pine consignments that will be insourced at the show.

Rather than ramble on to create more reading content, I'm ending the Blog at this point and moving forward with another busy day. Matt and I have a late morning appointment for working together on a back acreage project with Johnny2.

Wrapping Up The Blog

Thank you for staying close to GFRC and personal happenings during the past week. The laptop port issue was entirely unexpected and consumed time that had been planned with family and OKC ANA preparations. We've recovered, as we always do.

Be well!

August 15, 2025

Who Needs A Radio in a Porsche?

GFRC Online Auctions - A Substantial October 11 Auction

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Classic Silver Guest Blog - Preparing for the the OKC ANA

Greetings on a Friday morning and welcome to the Daily Blog. I'm trying to write this edition on the Dell XPS which has new issues and is just crawling along in terms of speed. Therefore, we will hit the high points only.

As the top headline indicates, who needs a radio in a Porsche? Yesterday's to/from drive to the Manchester NH airport was a joy as the 718 Boxster was operating like a charm with an open exhaust valve and beautiful exhaust sounds. I just can't imagine playing XM radio and blocking out those exhaust notes. At this time, the only time that the radio is on is when Diane is in the car. Enough said, again due to a poorly operating laptop.

GFRC Online Auctions - A Substantial October 11 Auction

The next GFRC Online Auction event came together in the matter of a few days. Currently, there are 71 lots committed from the Island City Type Set divestment and the White Pine $5 No Motto gold release. Here is the full page ad that will be published in club journals.

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Classic Silver Guest Blog - Preparing for the OKC ANA

A long time GFRC client graces today's Blog edition with an OKC ANA guest blog. Darrell Low is excited about next week's annual summer event and sent along this commentary on how to prepare for maximizing the fun experience at the show. Please read on...

With the upcoming Summer ANA show in Oklahoma City, I am eagerly anticipating attending one of the two best shows of the year. I have never been to Oklahoma City before and look forward to seeing what the city offers, especially as a Mickey Mantle fan. Part of what makes the Summer ANA show a must attend event is the social aspect of catching up with friends and dealers that live elsewhere around the country and hearing about the latest news about the hobby. This will be my 26th consecutive summer ANA show! If you are attending the LSCC meeting on Thursday morning, feel free to talk to me as I probably have seen many tens of thousands of Seated coins over the past few decades.

Here are some things to consider when preparing to attend a large coin show.

1. Research the travel itinerary to the show – If driving, understand where and when traffic could be bad, where to take a break, and know what to expect for parking. If flying, figure out what options are available from the airport to the show venue.

2. Check the weather report as some shows have been very rainy or hot.

3. Identify suitable breakfast, lunch, and dinner places as good food is part of the experience.

4. Prepare a want list of what you are looking for to fill holes or to upgrade.

5. Take some time to look at your coins in hand to help calibrate your eyes on grading.

6. Review the auction lots online from the auction houses, as well as various dealers (including GFRC!) showing auction lots during the show and note the items of interest.

7. Reach out to friends to see what their itinerary is and plan to meet up.

8. Look at the online club meeting and presentation schedule – At ANA, several clubs including the Liberty Seated Collectors Club meet and have an educational presentation. They are all welcoming to anyone that wishes to attend whether a member or not. Every specialty club that I am a member of I've joined during the Summer ANA show. The hourly presentations are usually worthwhile attending if you have any interest in the topic.

9. Look at the bourse layout to identify which dealers might have what you are looking for and where they are situated on the large bourse.

10. Between attending meetings, bourse floor activities, lunch, and auction lot viewing, develop a rough schedule to give you enough time to get the most out of the show.

11. Ensure you have your phone charger and loupe as they are important to have at a show.

12. Get ready for a great time!

Wrapping Up The Blog

Today's office activities are two-fold. First is some morning shipping followed by the rest of the day spent on completing the port from the Dell XPS to the new Lenovo laptop. This morning's Blog composition on the Dell was downright painful, thus the lack of much commentary.

Saturday's Blog will be written on the Lenovo for sure!

Thanks again for the visit.

Be well!

August 14, 2025

Operating with Two Laptops

Ayumi - The Budding Numismatist

Announcing Mid-October GFRC Online Auction Event

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GFRC Inventory/Auction Lots at OKC ANA

Greetings on a Thursday morning and welcome to the Daily Blog. I'm glad to be here with an update being typed on the old Dell XPS. Thank you for the visit.

So what happened on Wednesday morning?

The day started with big plans which were quickly sidelined once arising and walking into the office. There was the Dell XPS with a white screen indicating that the charging circuit was problematic. The laptop was charging at a slow trickle and blaming the battery charger cable for being of insufficient power. Yes, the Dell has done this before, but unplugging the charger cable usually corrected the matter after a few attempts. Wednesday was different as I tried plugging and unplugging the charge cable into all three of the USB-C plugs multiple times without luck. Then came the thought that the OKC ANA is quickly approaching and a laptop is mandatory for operating the GFRC business at the show. I started to type a Blog edition but the battery was drawing down much too quickly and gave up that idea.

The Dell has also become a bit flaky this year with one event when the system went into blue screen mode out of no where and took time to recover after a power down and restart. Let's face it, the GFRC business cannot operate without a reliable computer given the COIN database management, image processing, and Adobe Dreamweaver FTP.

I made a quick decision to drive to the Portland Best Buy for purchasing a replacement laptop. Luckily, this Best Buy location had a host of laptop options across Dell, Asus, HP, Alienwear, and Lenovo to name the primary brands. My luck continued with a very knowledgeable sales person who understood the capabilities of the Dell XPS I9 9520 and how it was being used for processing the COIN database. He walked me to the potential replacement options and after 5 minutes of discussion, I decided to avoid Dell and move to a Lenovo replacement.

Once back home, the balance of the day was spent porting everything on the Dell XPS to the Lenovo Pro 5. The challenge was that the Dell was still slow charging with less than 10% battery power. The copying of large business folders to a flash drive took time with the Dell constantly signaling low batter conditions. It was an intense five hours of effort to move files and reconfigure browsers and all the necessary passwords for the various applications. The key challenge was launching Adobe Dreamweaver and establishing an FTP connection with the Hostway server.

At roughly 4:30 PM, the Dell slow charging issue disappeared and is still stable this morning as the Blog is being typed on the old XPS rather than the new Lenovo. The Lenovo port is still not complete as PhotoScape X software still needs to be located on the Dell XPS and move to the Lenovo plus a host of debugging to ensure that the new laptop is ready for normal office operations.

Call it being saved by the bell as we have a heat pump contractor arriving at 9:00 AM followed by driving the Porsche to Manchester NH this afternoon.

Being a small business owner does have its challenges as the entire port was done without Matt's help, on principal. My computer skills are rather decent at this point.

Ayumi - The Budding Numismatist

OK, let's move ahead with the content planned for Wednesday's Blog. The first topic is a lovely image of Grandpa and Ayumi in the office sorting a large pile of change that has accumulated over the years. Ayumi has a grand old time trying to sort the coins by size at first, but then moved to simply load and unload the pile into the cover of a gray PCGS box. She was chatting up a storm which I did not understand other than "coins".

Announcing Mid-October GFRC Online Auction Event

On Monday, I received an email from the White Pine Collection, a GFRC consignor/customer who has been with us for years. The time had come to sell his remaining $5 No Motto U.S. gold collection with a request to transfer the coins the the OKC ANA. Of course, GFRC would support this request and plan accordingly in terms of luggage space for the return transport of 31 pieces back to the Maine office.

The final White Pine Collection divestment is substantial with an insured value of $130,000 across 31 lots. All are PCGS and CAC certified with a host of branch mint pieces that will garner much attention. Here is a quick list of the forthcoming auction contents.

No Motto

1841-C P45 CAC, 1844-C P35 CAC, 1845 P55 CAC. 1846 LD P40 CAC, 1847-C P53 CAC, 1849 P53 CAC, 1849-C P45, CAC, 1850 P58 CAC, 1851-C P45 CAC, 1852 P55 CAC, 1852-C P35 CAC, 1853 P55 CAC, 1854-C P50 CAC. 1855 -S P30 CAC, 1856 P58 CAC, 1856-C P50 CAC, 1856-S P45, 1857-C, P40 CAC, 1858-C, P40 CAC, 1860-C P50 CAC, 1861 P58 CAC, 1862 P P40CAC, 1864 P08 CAC, 1865-S P35 CAC

Motto

1867 P45 CAC, 1867-S P40 CAC, 1868-S P55 CAC, 1870 P20 CAC, 1873-S P53 CAC, 1878-S P58 CAC

More details are forthcoming with the targeted auction starting on October 11 and finishing on October 18. There could be more lots based on a phone call from yet another GFRC client yesterday afternoon wishing to divest a $900,000 type set. A portion of that set will also be transferred to GFRC at the OKC ANA.

GFRC Inventory/Auction Lots at OKC ANA

Carry on luggage space must be carefully planned for the upcoming OKC ANA event given that GFRC will be transporting several important consignments back to the office. Diane and I can only transport ten double row slabbed boxes which is inadequate for current price list inventory and the Massachusetts and Tenafly auction lots. Then there is the required space for the show consignment drop-offs. Come Saturday, I will be deciding which inventory goes to OKC and what stays behind.

If wishing to see certain lots in GFRC inventory at the OKC ANA, please email me with those requests. My sorting criteria will be primary price point with the entire Massachusetts Seated Dime Ccollection being available for auction lot viewing along with the higher priced pieces in the Tenafly Collection.

GFRC-Lite Blog Posting Announcement

Rich Hundertmark sent along the following content on Tuesday concerning a Blog post on the GFRC-Lite website. Rich will be a GFRC table assistant, along with Blake Gibb, at the OKC ANA.

HI Gerry,

I just published an extensive blog on the Lite site that covered lots of ground including:

- Lite's July CAC and Annandale show report (catch-up)
- New Lite show schedule going forward
- ANA OKC show preview
- New 1946-D 50C PCGS MS64 CAC Doily offering

If you can mention this in your next blog that would be great. It's getting close to the ANA and I'm pretty pumped for this show. Look forward to seeing you and Diane soon.

Best
Rich

Wrapping Up The Blog

Today brings a heat pump contractor visit during the morning hours followed by a 5 hour to/from 718 Boxster drive to Manchester NH. After yesterday's intensive computer porting day, the time in the Porsche and the soothing open value exhaust sound will be medicine for the soul.

Once back home and in the office, I will be catching up on email correspondence and GFRC orders. There is also a need to prepare a full page ad for the Fall CENTINEL issue, the publication of the CSNS, by end of day to meet Barbara Gregory's deadline.

Come Friday, I will still be debugging the new Lenovo laptop towards transport to the OKC ANA rather than the Dell XPS.

Thank you for the visit. Be well!

August 13, 2025

A Full Computer Port is Underway

Greetings with a late Blog edition.

My Dell XPS laptop has developed a serious charging port issue. Maybe there will be a Blog on Thursday and maybe not as I'm limping along trying to port to a new Lonovo laptop.

Wish me luck.

August 12, 2025

It is Quite Dry in Southern Maine

Ayumi - The Climber

Hawk Farm Consignment Items to Consider

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Another Fortin Seated Dime Web-Book Plate Coin Release

Greetings from southern Maine as we face yet another hot summer day as the National Weather Service has already issued a heat advisory. Thank you for the visit

Day by day, the homestead lawns are turning a tannish-brown as there is no precipitation in the forecast. My cherished landscaping is entering a period of drought induced stress with the lawn grasses moving into a dormant state, but remaining alive. Checking with AI Copilot, I learned that dormant lawns need only minimal water, about 1/2 to 1 inch of water every three to four weeks to survive. There is a chance for thunderstorms on Thursday and we can only hope for some precipitation. Following is an image from the back deck taken at 7:00 AM that illustrates the lawn conditions along with progress with the back acreage park building efforts. Clicking on the image provides access to a higher resolution version.

Ayumi - The Climber

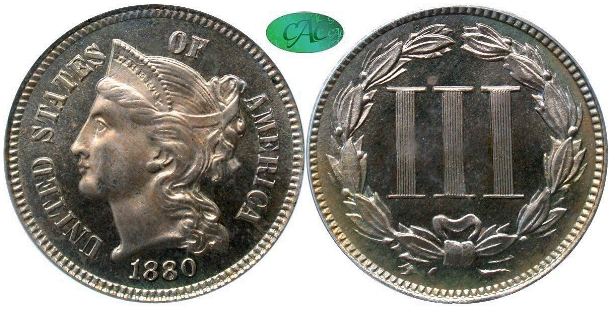
Our granddaughter Ayumi is a climber. She loves to climb where ever possible and touts her ability to scale new heights. On Monday, Chikae took Ayumi to the "park" and let Ayumi experience the thrill of climbing the newly constructed rock wall. Afterwards, they returned to the top of Ledge Hill with Ayumi climbing up the pine and birch trees adjacent to our driveway. Here are some memorable images to document the event.

Hawk Farm Consignment Items to Consider

The latest Hawk Farm consignment is ready to post to the 30 Day Price List. Following are the lots with offer prices for consideration. At this time, there are no First Right of Refusals, therefore all are fair game and ready for immediate sale. Each piece is fully choice or GFRC gem rated. The 1911 $10 Indian is really nice, but then again, there is no quality weakness among the lots.

New Hawk Farm Collection Offerings

1880 PCGS PR66 CAC 3CN - $825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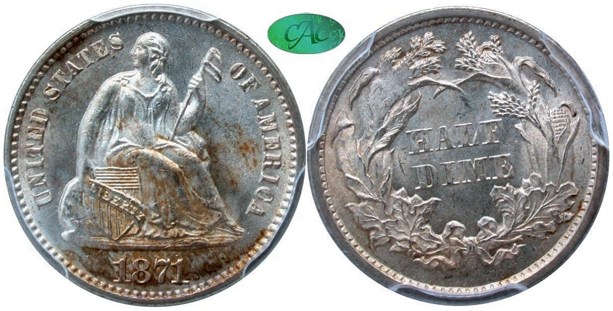
1871 PCGS MS66+ CAC H10C - $1550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1814 O-17 PCGS AU55 50C - $1350

1911 PCGS MS64+ G$10 - $3995

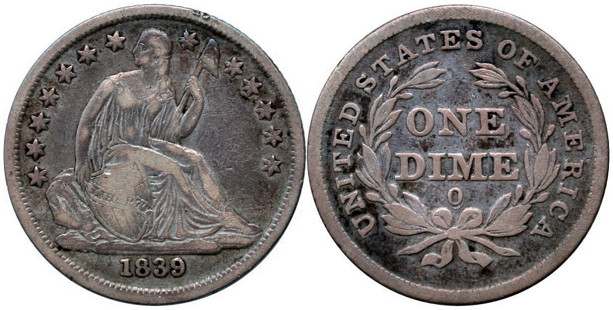
Another Fortin Seated Dime Web-Book Plate Coin Release

As promised, here is another random release of Liberty Seated dime web-book plate coins for your consideration. This time around, there are no Greer or Ahwash plate coins, but don't fret as the next tranche is already photographed with three Greer plate coins in the mix.

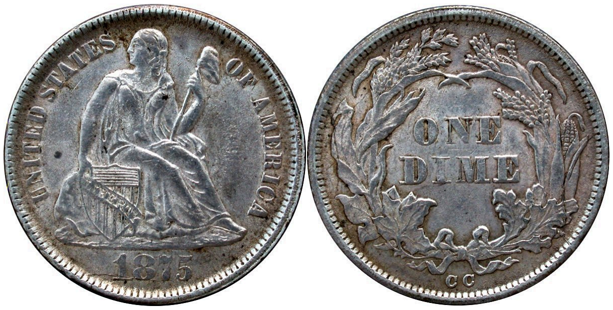
I've not had time to update the Liberty Seated Dime web-book with these new images, so please don't send me an email to remind me that this task is incomplete. Yep, I do get emails from collectors who feel compelled to remind me of this "oversight". Anyways, there are several important lots in this release. The 1875-CC BW F-107 is the precursor to the very rare F-107a with a retained cud below the date. On this lot, the die crack at the bottom of the date is quite pronounced. The 1875-S BW is a lovely example with minor doubling on the N in ONE. The jewel in this lot is the 1890 F-117a with a full reverse retained cud and the only example I have seen. Terminal die state collectors should take note. Yes, there are two reverse scratches as shown in the images.

More Web-Book Plate Coins to Consider

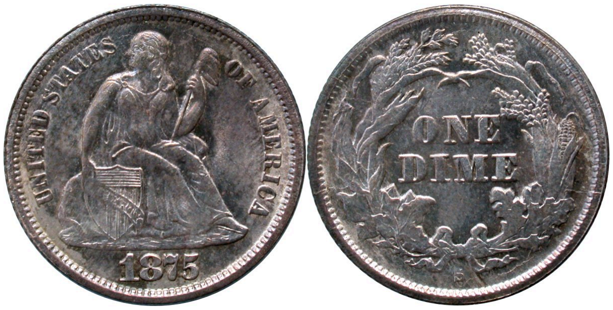
1839-O RPM F-104 VF20 10C - $150



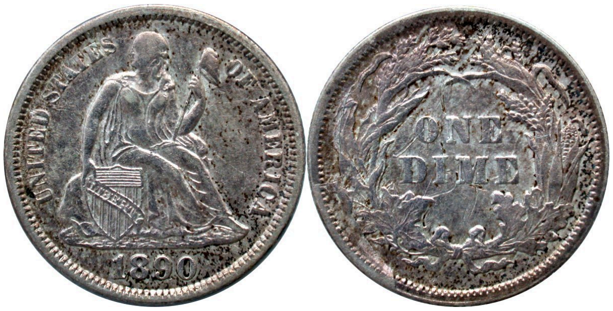
1875-CC BW F-107 AU50 10C - $450



1875-S BW DDR F-111 MS62 10C - $225



1890 R7 Rev Retained Cud F-117a AU50 10C - $495



Wrapping Up The Blog

Today brings more shipping as sales have been robust followed by a full afternoon in the office loading the above lots to the 30 Day Price List. I will also be working on the release of other nine Liberty Seated dimes, nearly all being web-book and/or Greer plate coins.

Come Thursday, the 718 Boxster is heading to the Manchester NH airport cellphone lot where I am meeting the client who purchased the 1849-O PCGS AU58 Liberty Seated quarter for a direct hand-off. This individual will also be passing along a Seated quarter consignment including his duplicate 1849-O quarter.

That is a wrap for today's Blog edition. Thank you so much for staying close to GFRC events. Please remember to be happy and well!

August 11, 2025

Final Week Before 2025 Oklahoma City ANA

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30 Day Price List Sales are Robust!

Greetings and welcome to the Daily Blog on another summer Monday morning. Thank you for the repeated visits.

Unfortunately, today's edition will be brief as I had a start-up problem with Adobe Dreamweaver which took some time to resolve. The application is finally stable and I'm typing as fast as possible to publish close to the typical 8:00 AM release.

The anticipation is building for next week's annual summer ANA show being held in Oklahoma City. It is an infrequent occasion when Diane and I fly with GFRC inventory but there is no choice this year. I was surprised to learn that Diane booked a Portland, Maine to Dallas flight with a subsequent connection to OKC. The Portland flight leaves at a reasonable morning time rather than the typical 5:00 to 6:00 AM flights to connecting hubs in Baltimore, Chicago, NYC, or Charlotte. This will be Diane's first visit to OKC and my second.

The Yamatin family has truly settled into the homestead and we are living as a three generation family for another week. Last evening, Meme took Natsumi to a drive-on movie, a new experience for our 11 year old granddaughter. Matt, on the other hand, jumped on Johnny2 and is working on a back acreage beautification project. He is quickly mastering the backhoe and his efforts are much appreciated.

Come Thursday, I will be in a serious OKC ANA preparation mode. In the meantime, we are supporting a host of new orders and will be loading the new Hawk Farm lots to the 30 Day Price list.

30 Day Price List Sales are Robust!

We could not be more pleased with the robust sales currently being experienced. Most of the Hoosier Collection quarters have sold including the 1838 Closed Claws in a Doily holder that was claimed during the overnight. Also being ordered during the overnight was the Running Boar 1881/0 $5 gold piece.

On Sunday, I posted four more raw Liberty Seated dimes from the 2x2 double row box including an Ahwash plate and a Greer plate coin along with the usual Fortin web-book plate coins. Three of the four quickly sold with multiple orders arriving. Please don't worry as I will be loading more web-book plate coins during the coming week.

Given the robust sales, the number of new offerings on the 30 Day Price List has dipped to a level that needs some serious attention. Actually, this is a great problem to have as new listings are selling as quickly as I can post them.

Wrapping Up The Blog

Today's agenda is typical for a Monday. There is a decent amount of morning shipping followed by an afternoon in the GFRC office posting the Hawk Farm consigned lots (prices have been approved) and adding more Seated dime web-book plate coins to the price list.

Southern Maine weather is hot with daily highs in the low 90s. This limits working in the back acreage to late afternoons into dusk. Matt reported that there were no mosquitoes last evening which is a testament to how dry the land has become.

Thank you so much for the ongoing visits and the many purchases. We appreciate your ongoing patronage.

Be well!

August 10, 2025

Hoosier Liberty Seated Quarters Finding New Homes!

Greetings on a southern Maine Sunday morning and welcome to the Daily Blog. Here comes another edition for general consumption. Thank you for the visit.

As I start composing, Natsumi walked into the office for her daily "good morning" hug. How I enjoy this ritual of being so respected as a grandfather where a morning hug is offered. Natsumi is only 11 years old and is now as tall as Diane. Otherwise, the homestead is quiet as Ayumi is still sleeping. When Ayumi arises, everyone is well aware of her presence.

My day started early at 5:00 AM with a wonderful view of both Venus and Jupiter in close proximity in the eastern sky.

Saturday brought the purchase of the 5 ton electric wood splitter with all the excitement of a new adult toy. Unfortunately, the barn's solar system inverter is not strong enough to handle the motor's start-up surge current and errored out. So much for splitting wood behind the barn. We will try connecting the splitter to the homestead power source to verify that the issue is the barn's inverter and not the newly purchased unit.

Also on Saturday, the afternoon brought a father-son project in the back acreage. We cleared a small brush section along the stone path heading down to the trails. Matt operated Johnny2 and learned how to move material with the front loader along with further working experience with the backhoe. Key was learning how to drive into a material pile in an efficient manner with the front loader to ensure a full bucket. Sorry, but I did not take any pictures.

Let's move into numismatics...

Hoosier Liberty Seated Quarters Finding New Homes!

The Hoosier Seated quarter debut has gone well with three of the seven coins already finding new homes. The 1871-S sold immediately followed by the 1886 low mintage issue. We are pleased to also report that the rare 1872-S quarter has found a new home with the purchase being finalized at the Oklahoma City ANA show. Our congratulations go out to the City By The Collection for taking this huge step and upgrading his current mid-circulated grade 1872-S.

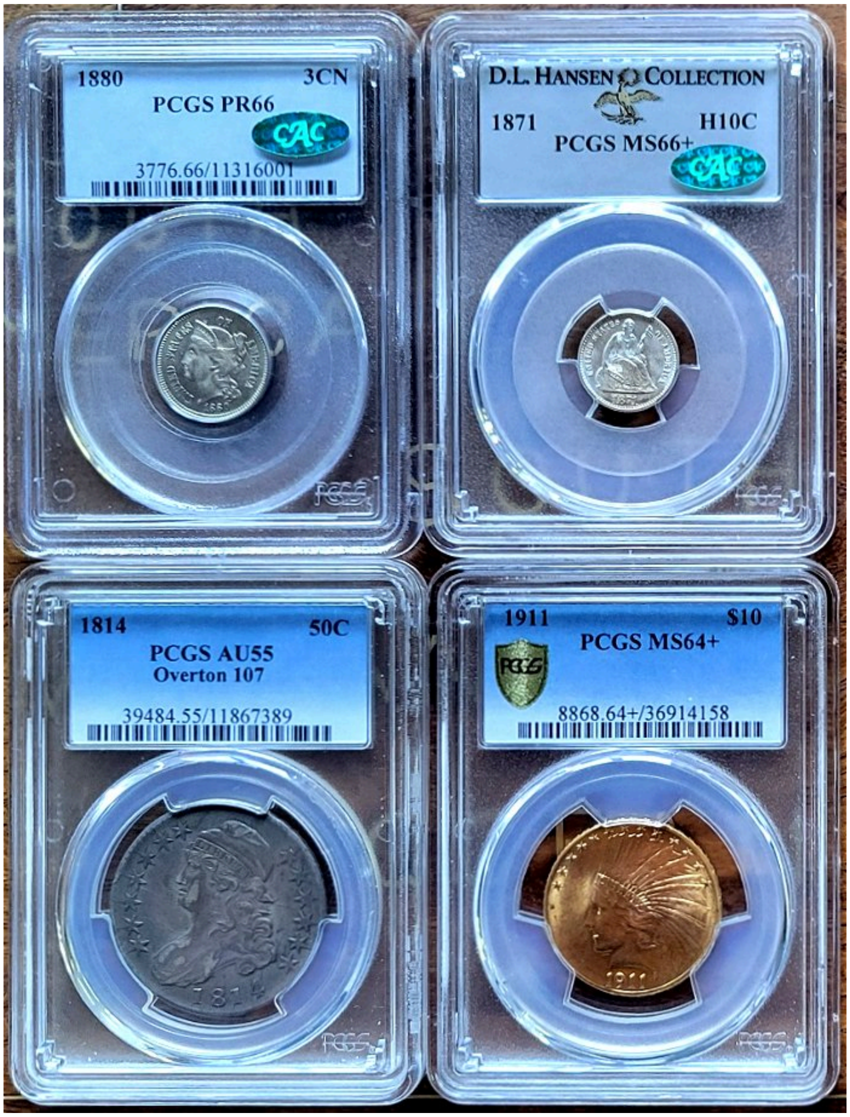
There were inquiries on the 1838 Closed Claws and the 1849-O too. Asking price was the issue for the 1838 in a Doily holder and I made it clear that the offer price was fair for the combination Closed Claw rarity in a Doily holder. There are those that have trouble paying up for rarity.

Let's talk about the 1849-O for a moment. I really like this coin and cannot explain why it does not have a CAC green bean. This lot remains in its original PCGS Gen 4.0 (1998-2022) holder. The fields are steely reflective and 100% original. with natural patination. IMHO the grading is spot on. Let's remember that CAC review is not flawless based on the experience with the 1885-S NGC MS65 Seated dime in my personal collection. The first CAC submission in its original NGC holder resulted in the coin not being approved much to my amazement and frustration. After crossing the dime into a fresh PCGS Gen 6.1 holder, the next submission resulted in CAC approval. My gut feel is that the 1849-O quarter should be reholdered with another CAC attempt by the new owner. I can never guarantee the outcome, but maintain that the 1849-O is fully choice and deserve another shot by whomever desires this key date piece.

Another Hawk Farm Consignment Being Processed

I'm quite pleased with the steady flow of small consignments that have arrived during the past week along with the strong sales. For example, I contacted the Beaver to see if he has more Liberty Seated halves to offer and we are in a discussion for another smaller consignment.

Here is a four piece consignment that arrived late last week from the Hawk Farm Collection. These will be photographed and processed today.



Wrapping Up The Blog

Northeast weather has been warm and sunny with the trend continuing through next weekend. Unfortunately, the lack of rain is taking its toll on the vegetation with the back lawn moving into a dormant crispy brown. Already, the birch tree by the construction stone path is starting to turn yellow as being stressed by the lack of water. If these dry conditions continue, the autumn foliage season will be early this year.

Thanks again for the visit. I will be in and out of the office today.

Be well!

August 9, 2025

Hoosier Liberty Seated Quarters Ready to Sell!

Greetings on a tranquil southern Maine Saturday morning and welcome to the Daily Blog. We appreciate the ongoing community support.

Today's edition will be on the brief side with the Hoosier Liberty Seated quarter showcase gallery being the main feature. Let's move right into this topic.

Hoosier Liberty Seated Quarters Ready to Sell!

Opportunity knocks this morning as one does not often see an AU58 lot of better date Liberty Seated quarters reaching the marketplace. The Hoosier Collection has been pursuing AU58 Seated quarters across multiple decades as his primary numismatic passion. Our consignor is a purist and typically leaves his purchases in their original holders, similar to my own experiences with the Seated dimes.

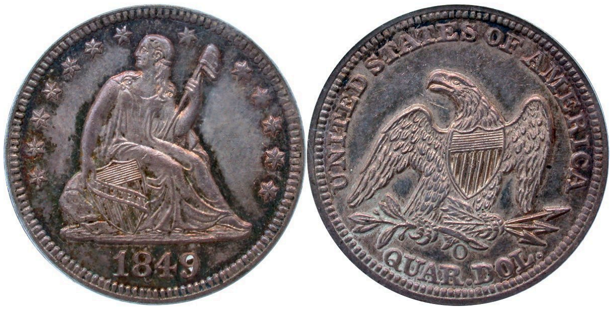
We open the display with a key New Orleans date 1849-O quarter that has secured a GFRC-Choice quality rating and is housed in a Gen 4.0 (1998-2002) holder as purchased from Jim O'Donnell during that period. This lot comes highlight recommended as close, if not equal, to CAC standards. If stickered this lot would be a $20,000 to $23,000 coin. The 1866, certified AU55, is partially mirrored with the Childs pedigree with rub and faint lines in the right field. The 1871-S is a real sweetheart and has already sold. The 1872-S is an important offering with brilliant frosted luster and vibrant cartwheels. Some rub in the fields holds this one back from being CAC approved.

In the lower priced group is a rare 1838 Closed Claws, per Briggs, housed in a PCGS Gen 2.0 (1989) Doily holder. This piece is strongly reflective as being struck from freshly polished dies. The 1852 is Briggs 2-B and a premium example with Choice quality rating and purchased from GFRC. Lastly is the 1886, also in the GFRC Sales Archive, and the lowest mintage Philadelphia date.

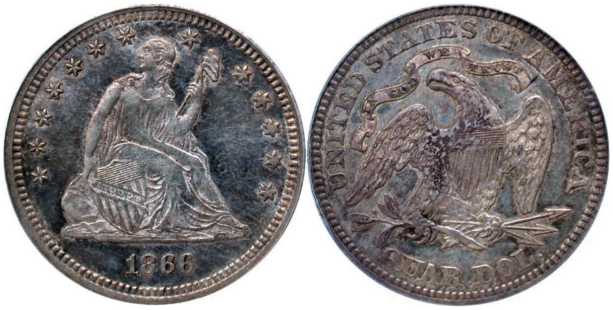
At this time, there are FRoR on the 1838 and 1872-S lots. If having the funds, or needing a layaway, a wise collector would select the 1849-O key date as it comes with my recommendation. Have fun considering this important Hoosier Collection release.

Hoosier Liberty Seated Quarters to Consider

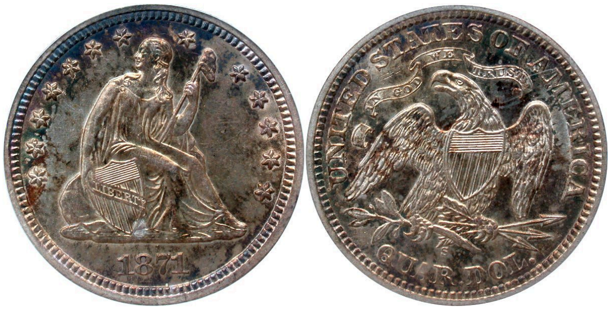
1849-O PCGS AU58 25C - $17,500



1866 PCGS AU55 25C - $2950



1871-S PCGS AU58 25C - $7500



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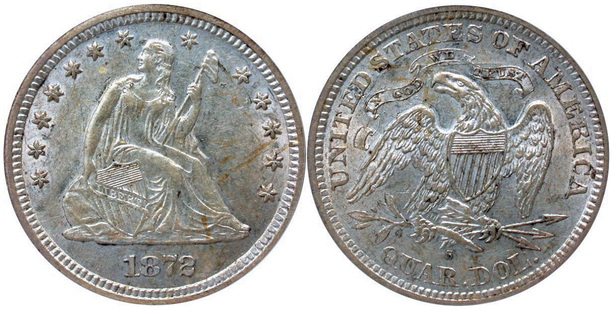

1838 Cl Claws PCGS AU58 25C Doily - $2250

1852 Br 2-B PCGS AU58 25C - $1850

1886 PCGS AU58 25C - $1650

Massachusetts and Tenafly Auctions Catalogs Being Printed

Just a quick note the August 23 auction catalogs are now being printed at our local Staples store. Jennifer has handled a host of GFRC catalog orders and will get these done well before we depart for Oklahoma City on Monday August 18th.

Wrapping Up The Blog

Another small consignment arrived on Friday and will be presented in tomorrow's Blog. Otherwise, Matt and I are heading to a local Harbor Freight store and plan to purchase a 5 Ton electric log splitter today. I've always wanted a log splitter and this low priced electric model is ideal for splitter just enough wood for homestead needs.

The Yamatin family continues their summer vacation at the homestead and are enjoying themselves. Diane's home cooking has been fantastic along with a well stocked bar of aperitifs. Chikae brought a wonderful plum wine (Japanese sake) that we opened last evening. Life is good.

Thanks again for the visit and please remember to let stress go and just be well.

August 8, 2025

Oregon Beaver Seated Halves Sold Out

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Hoosier Liberty Seated Quarter Consignment Arrives

Greetings on a Friday morning and welcome to the Daily Blog. Another week moves along much too quickly, but we do appreciate the ongoing visit.

The buzz in the gold market this morning is a function of a "supposed" 39% tariff being imposed on Swiss manufactured 1 kilo and 100 ounce gold bars. Here is the story line from Market Watch as breaking news.

Gold futures prices soared early Friday on a report the U.S. has ruled that gold bars would be subject to tariffs. On a continuous basis, gold futures GC00 +0.60% jumped $40.40, or 1.1%, to $3,494.40 an ounce, reaching an intraday high of $3,534.20, which takes out the previous April 22 intraday record of $3,509.90 an ounce. The futures price could indicate a new record close to eclipse $3,452.80 reached on June 13. Sending prices surging, the Financial Times reported that it saw a July 31 letter from the Customs Border Protection Agency stating that one-kilo and 100-ounce gold bars should be classified under a customs code that subjects them to tariffs.

So far, gold is trading at $3390 on the LBMA.

Otherwise, it is a quiet start to the day, so let's move to today's headlines.

Oregon Beaver Seated Halves Sold Out

That did not take long.... Last evening brought two orders for the remaining 1874-S PCGS MS63 CAC half leading to a quick sell out of this fresh consignment.

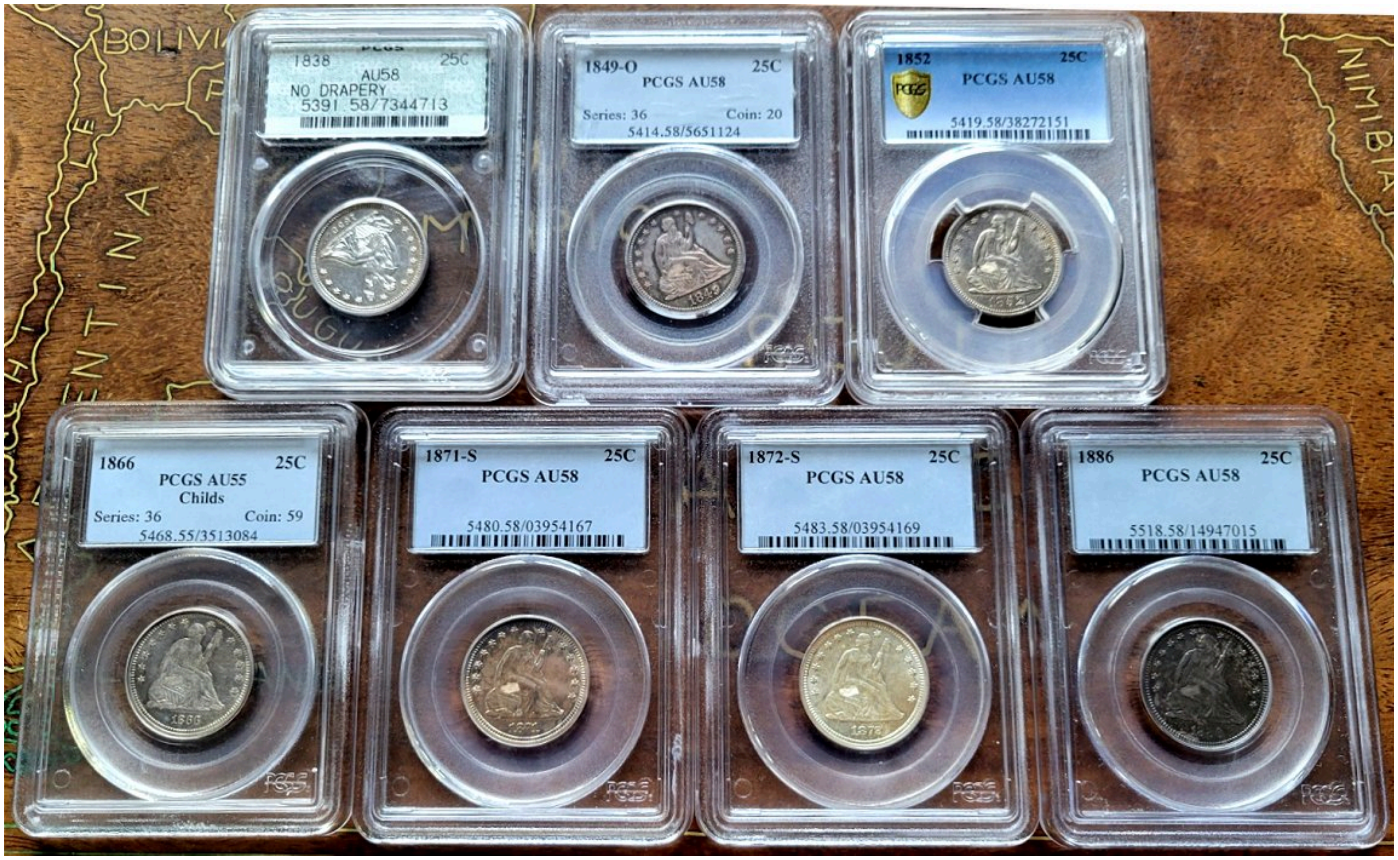
The newly posted Running Boar consignment has already seen two of the three lots going on hold.

There is nothing better for all parties than seeing fresh consignments selling quickly.

Hoosier Liberty Seated Quarter Consignment Arrives

Up next in the GFRC consignment queue is a seven piece Liberty Seated quarter lot from the Hoosier Collection. These quarters were photographed on Thursday along with a pricing proposal submitted to the consignor for consideration. Following is a desk top image of the seven lots taken at an angle to avoid lightly reflections from the afternoon sun in the office window.

The 1852 and 1886 quarters have been previously handled by GFRC with records in the Sales Archive. The 1838 is the rare Closed Claws reverse in a PCGS Doily holder. This coin was struck from freshly basined dies as die polish lines are readily evident under a 10x along with a few scattered hairlines. The key highlight is the 1849-O quarter graded PCGS AU58 and securing a GFRC-Choice quality rating. So far, there is one FRoR which will be dispositioned once the offer prices are settled.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Wrapping Up The Blog

This is the extent of today's content as I was quite busy in the GFRC office yesterday. So how about today?

There is light shipping coupled with heading down to Windham Staples for the August 23 auction catalog printing job. The latter did not take place on Thursday as I was catching up on background office administration tasks without any time in the back acreage.

All is well with the Yamatin family visit too. Eleven year old Natsumi joined Diane for a grocery shopping trip in Windham and was treated to her first brushless car wash experience on the way home. I've offered Natsumi a ride in the 718 Boxster this morning, but that might be a bit to "scary" given the loud exhaust sound.

Thank you again for the ongoing visits.

Be well!

August 7, 2025

Revealing a Weathered Ledge Outcrop

Oregon Beaver Seated Halves Sell Quickly

and

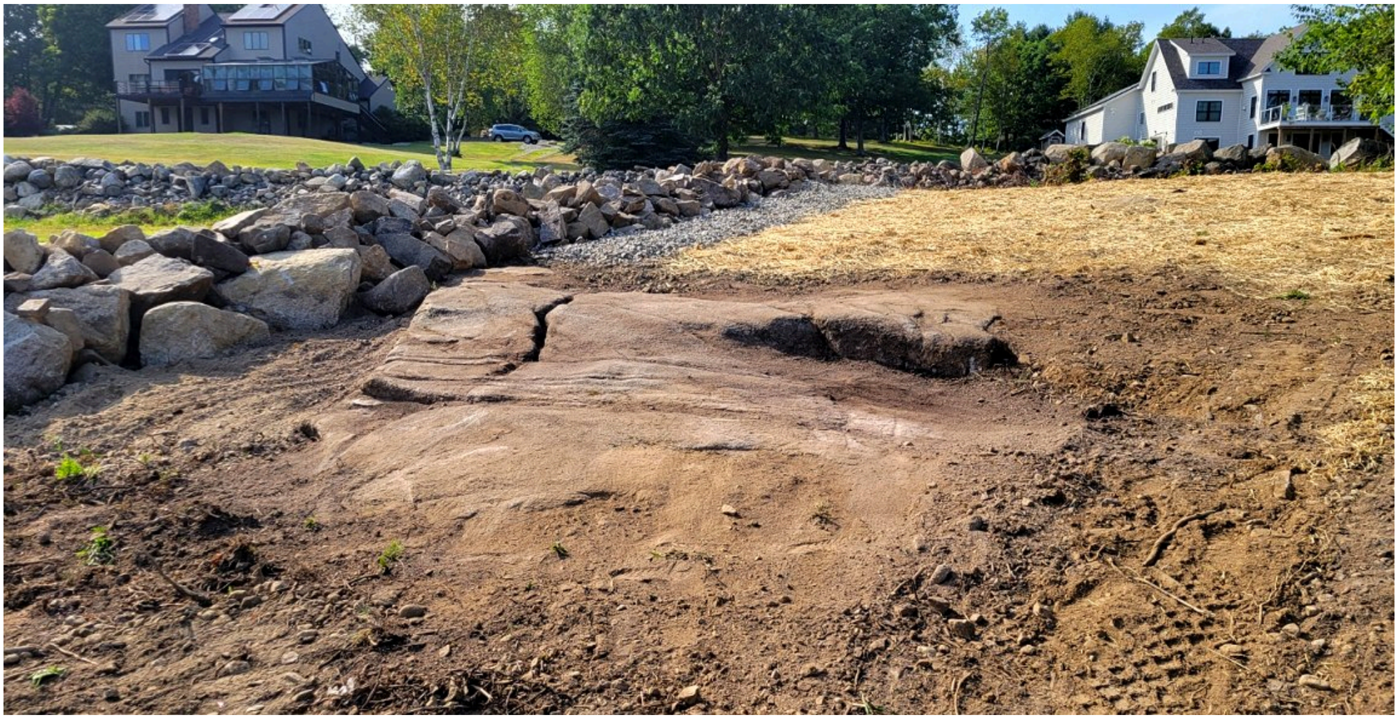
Running Boar Consignment Arrives

Greetings and welcome to the Daily Blog on a Thursday morning. Thank you, as always, for checking back on a another day's ramblings.

The Raymond homestead has a special feeling when the Yamatin family settles in for a two week urban Boston escape. Matt continues to conduct his day job remotely while Grandpa operates the GFRC business. Granddaughter Ayumi is the center of attention and adds a unique flavor to the homestead. Yesterday, Matt took Ayumi for a Polaris UTV ride across the trails while Diane and Ayumi did a slow trail walk along the short loop crossing trail. Bottom line is that everyone is happy and enjoying life.

As commented in yesterday's Blog, the morning was spent outdoors preparing more of the newly cleared area for potential seeding once we see a period of rain on the horizon. The morning focus was uncovering and cleaning a weathered ledge outcrop that had been buried by

vegetation. Once the outcrop was properly broomed, I was able to appreciate its potential history given the weathered gray color and deep cracks. The surface conditions indicate that this piece of ledge was exposed to the sun for centuries before being covered by dirt and brush. Below is an image of the outcrop. Once we can secure some heavy rains, the remaining fine dirt will be washed away to expose the rich gray colors.

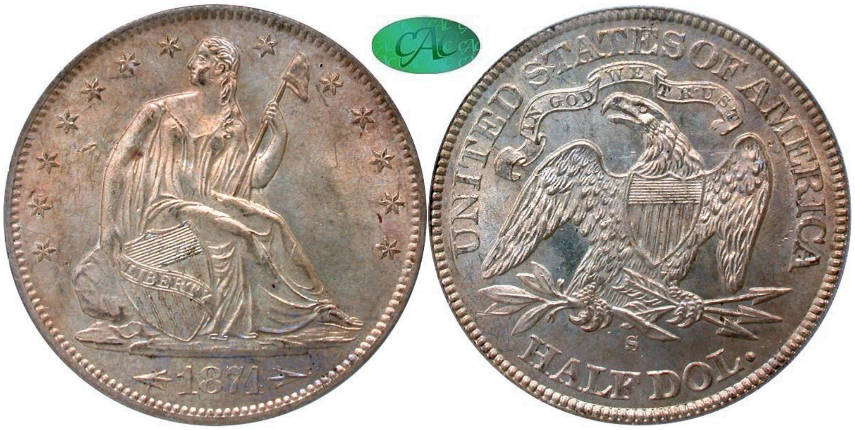


Oregon Beaver Seated Halves Sell Quickly

The newest Oregon Beaver consignment has been well received as its should! The three Mint State Seated halves are premium lots that have been finally released by the Beaver. The 1871 is a gorgeous GFRC-Gem rated offering along with the 1876-S that were promptly scooped up by two existing clients. Both of these clients did pass on the 1874-S regardless of its tiny CAC stickered population to the benefit of the remaining Liberty Seated half dollar collectors in our community. I'm certain that the 1874-S will sell at the Oklahoma City ANA if not sooner.

Available

1874-S PCGS MS63 CAC 50C - $5250



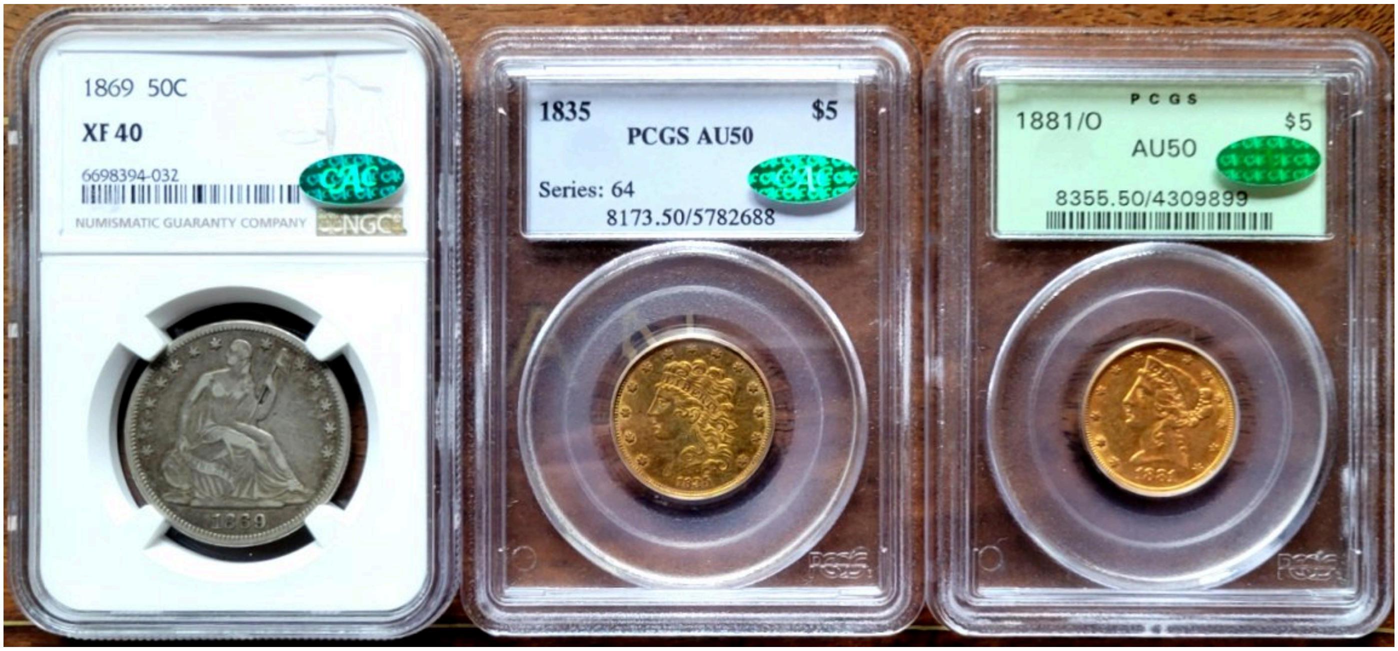
Immediately Sold

1871 PCGS MS64 CAC 50C - $3700

1876-S PCGS MS64+ CAC 50C - $2750

Running Boar Consignment Arrives

The Running Boar Collection returns with a lovely three piece consignment that was photographed on Wednesday afternoon but has yet to be priced. Following is a quick desktop image of these lots with the 1869 half enjoying a FRoR. The 1835 Classic Head $5 was previously sold by GFRC with that record being available in the Sales Archive. We can expect to see these lots posted to the 30 Day Price List by end of day



Gold and Silver Prices Remain Strong

The two primary precious metals continue to trade at the upper end of their consolidation ranges during the early morning hours. Kitco reports that gold is quoting at $3380 on the London exchange while silver has climbed back to $38.38/oz.

My YouTube watching continues to focus on geopolitics and precious metals. This morning brought an interview with Eric Sprott, a billionaire investor and founder of the Sprott precious metal ETFs with his physical stored at the Royal Canadian Mint. Eric Sprott made his monies investing in a host of gold and silver miners. The interview was candid as Eric was operating during the 2000 dot.com bubble collapse and the 2008 financial crisis. During both of those events, gold did spectacularly well as monies flowed out of equities into the safety of precious metals. He now sees the highly elevated Mag7 pricing levels as yet another bubble in the making with some traders playing one day options as an example of the risk level that is embedded in the markets. His recommendation is to avoid the allure, or the FOMO (Fear of Missing Out) of the ever increasing S&P 500, driven by the Mag7, and instead move monies into gold for safety. When the market does pullback, those in gold will be handsomely rewarded.

Wrapping Up The Blog

I will be working in the GFRC office for most of the day along with heading into Windham for initiating an August 23 auction catalog printing at Staples. The Running Boar consignment will be priced and posted to the price list.

Yesterday brought a late afternoon arrival of a seven piece PCGS AU58 Liberty Seated quarter lot, courtesy of the Hoosier Collection. This arrival will also be processed and showcased within Friday's Blog edition.

Thanks again for the ongoing visits.

Be well!

August 6, 2025

Finally! The Tenafly Collection Auction Catalog Arrives!

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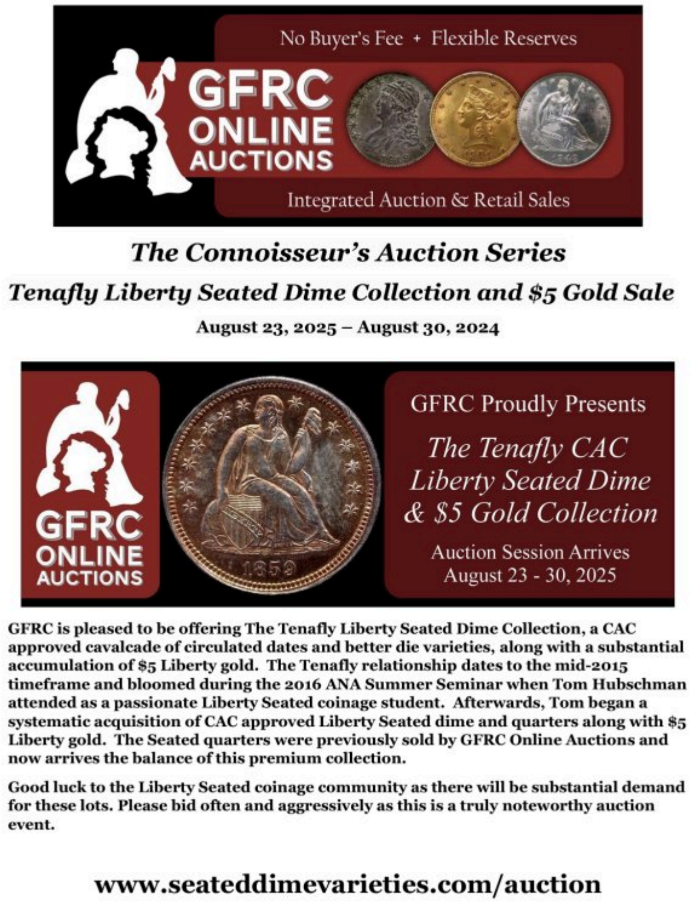
Oklahoma City ANA - Where is GFRC's Booth?

Greetings on a Wednesday morning and welcome to the Daily Blog. Thank you for the ongoing visits.

Finally, the new *Tenafly Liberty Seated Dime Collection and $5 Gold Sale* auction catalog arrives after considerable effort. The PDF formatted catalog is available by clicking the below auction cover to gain access to another Liberty Seated Collectors Club member's numismatic journey as told by his Liberty Seated dime acquisitions. This collection is a cavalcade of circulated better dates and Top 100 Varieties, all with CAC approval. Both the Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection auction catalogs are also available at the Auction link which features a 250 lot online catalog of wonderful offerings.



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GFRC is pleased to be offering The Tenafly Liberty Seated Dime Collection, a CAC approved cavalcade of circulated dates and better die varieties, along with a substantial accumulation of $5 Liberty gold. The Tenafly relationship dates to the mid-2015 timeframe and bloomed during the 2016 ANA Summer Seminar when Tom Hubschman attended as a passionate Liberty Seated coinage student. Afterwards, Tom began a systematic acquisition of CAC approved Liberty Seated dime and quarters along with $5 Liberty gold. The Seated quarters were previously sold by GFRC Online Auctions and now arrives the balance of this premium collection.

Good luck to the Liberty Seated coinage community as there will be substantial demand for these lots. Please bid often and aggressively as this is a truly noteworthy auction event.

www.seateddimevarieties.com/auction

Oklahoma City ANA - Where is GFRC's Booth?

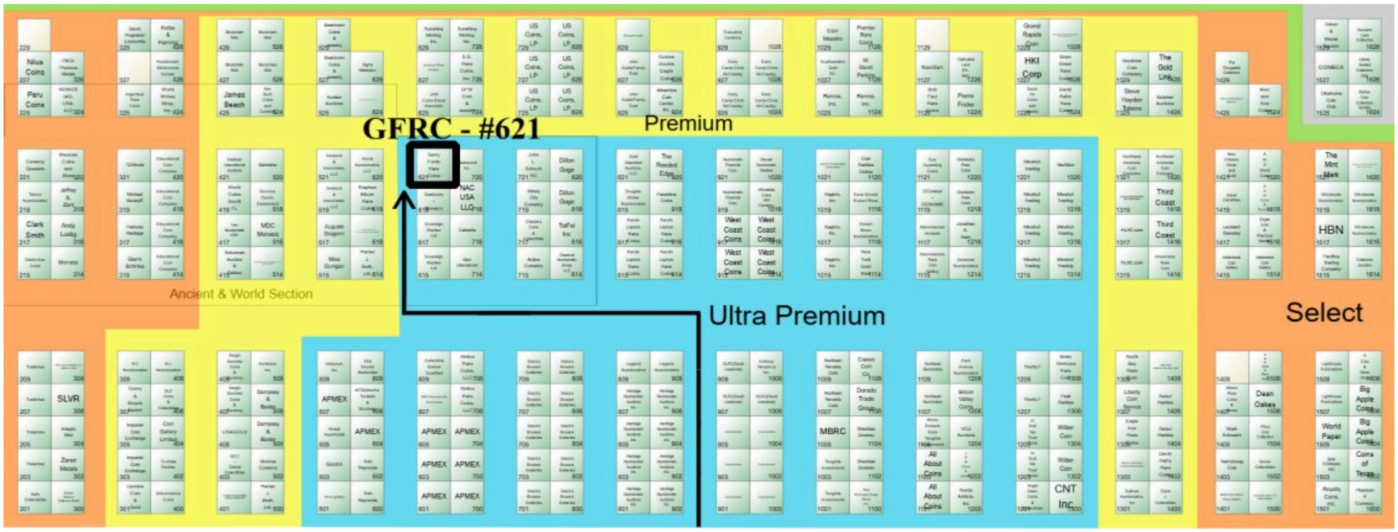
The annual summer numismatic event of the year arrives in less than two weeks. Yes, the ANA World's Fair of Money Show is being held in Oklahoma City this year and provides an opportunity for collectors and dealers to visit an American city that we might not otherwise travel to. As trivia, Oklahoma City is the HQ for Hobby Lobby and the current residence of the Sooner Collection. I had the opportunity to visit Oklahoma City last October courtesy of Blake Gibb as we attended Hallet Racing School located in Jennings, OK. Some of the take-aways during that visit were that OKC is flat, has many warehouses, with a gorgeous old mansions area set up on a hill. Blake was kind enough to pick me at the airport with his yellow Porsche GT4 and provided a driving tour of the entire city including the convention center where the ANA Summer show is being held.

The GFRC booth #621 is on the far left of the UltraPremium section of the bourse has illustrated next. Being a smaller dealer, we were close to last to select a table in the UltraPremium section, therefore our location. Working at the GFRC table, along with Gerry and Diane, will be Rich Hundertmark (GFRC-Lite) and Blake Gibb as table assistants.

GFRC will have eight cases at the corner table containing both auction lots and normal retail inventory. Since traveling via air, we are limited to the amount of coins that can be transported as compared to Whitman Baltimore and the Winter FUN show. Most of the Massachusetts and Tenafly auction lots will be available for auction lot viewing coupled with our owned and consignment inventories.

Diane and I are looking forward to the event with this being Diane's first time to OKC.

Oklahoma City ANA - GFRC at Booth #621



Wrapping Up The Blog

Now that the Massachusetts and Tenafly auction catalogs are completed, the last task is heading to our local Staples store for printing copies. This task will take place on Thursday for one simple reason. After spending Sunday through Tuesday building the Tenafly auction catalog, I'm taking a partial day off from the GFRC office and heading to the back acreage park to work outdoors. The weather forecast is calling for temperatures in the mid-70s which is idle for moving dirt, digging rocks, and chain saw activities. Come the weekend, temperatures are forecasted to back in the low 80s.

Offer prices have been approved for the new Oregon Beaver consignment. Since Tuesday was cloudy, photography will take place today along with quoting offer prices to those with FRoR.

Thank you so much for returning to the Daily Blog and staying current with our numismatic and outdoor park development activities. I will try to remember to take pictures today for Thursday's edition.

Be well!

August 5, 2025

Tenafly Collection Auction Catalog Publishes Today

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A Premium Oregon Beaver Consignment Arrives

Greetings and welcome to a short Daily Blog edition. It is a Tuesday morning and all is quiet at the Fortin homestead, at least for the time being. Thank you for the visit.

Relief is the operative word this morning as the Tenafly Collection auction catalog is done after a nearly full day in the GFRC office focused on this accomplishment. Sure, I must still conduct the proof reading task followed by creating a PDF file and posting the auction cover at the Auction link. That posting will also include the Massachusetts Collection auction cover towards wrapping up the August 23 auction preparations. Once these deliverables are posted, there will be a sense of relief with the reward being some time on Johnny2 for back acreage construction work on Wednesday.

After reviewing all of the Tenafly auction lots, there are some standout offerings that come highly recommended for their die variety or plate coin historical significance concerning Liberty Seated coinage or rarity in the United States $5 Liberty gold realm. Please consider the following highlights when conducting your auction analysis.

Tenafly Collection Auction Highlights

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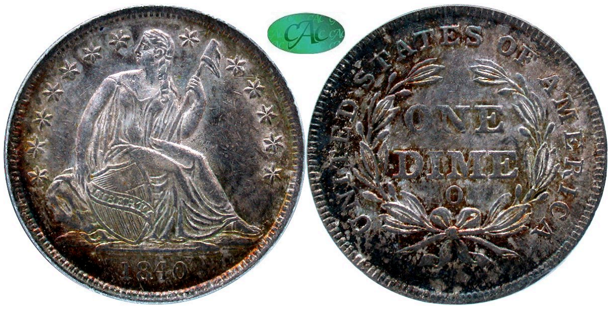
1851-O F-101 PCGS EF45 CAC 10C - $950



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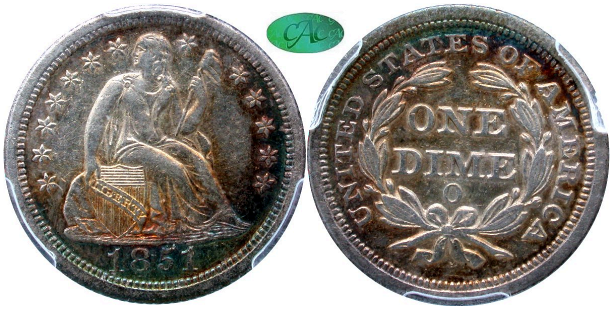

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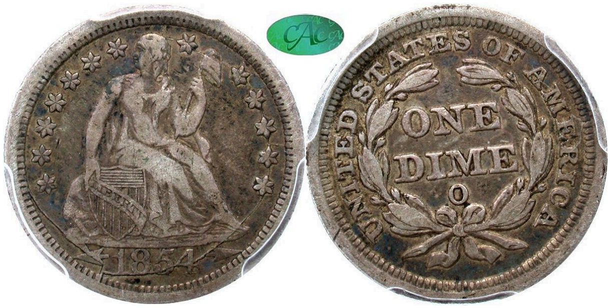

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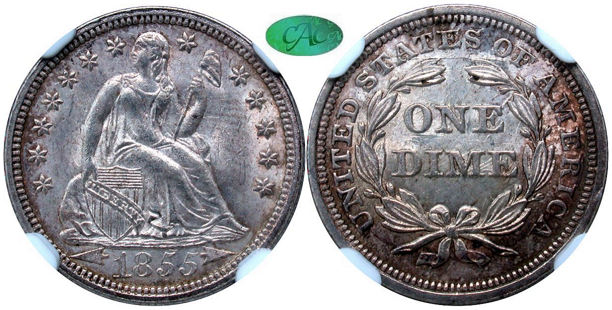

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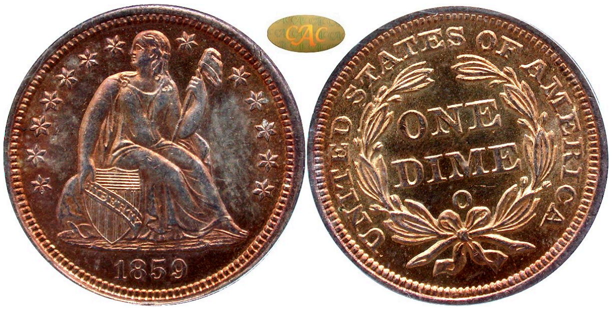
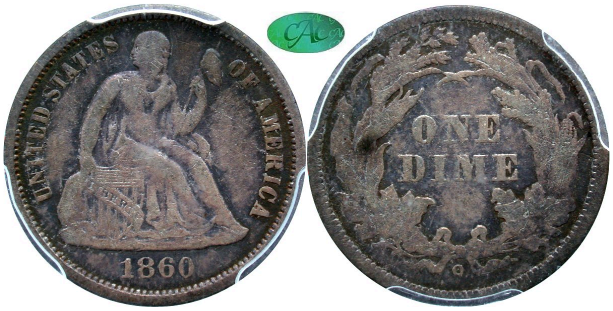
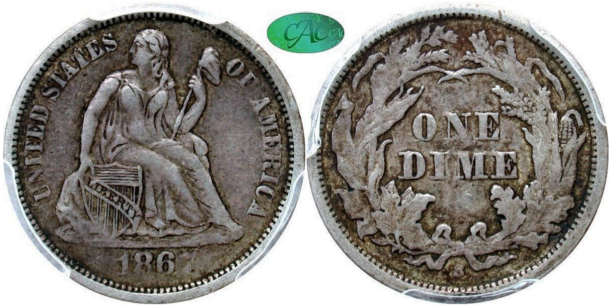


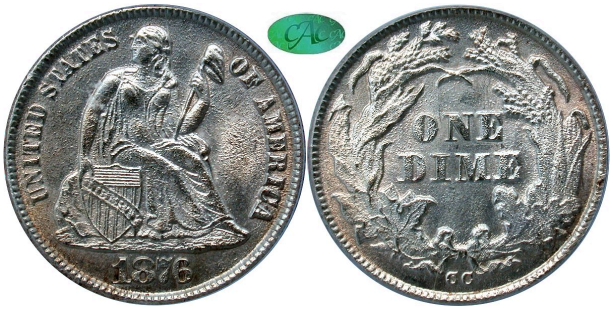
1867-S F-102a PCGS EF40 CAC 10C - $1600



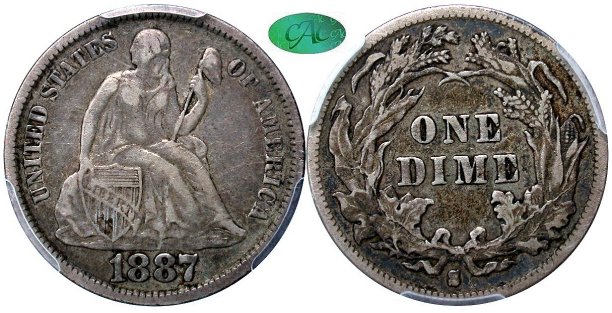
1876-CC F-131 PCGS MS64 CAC 10C - $1500



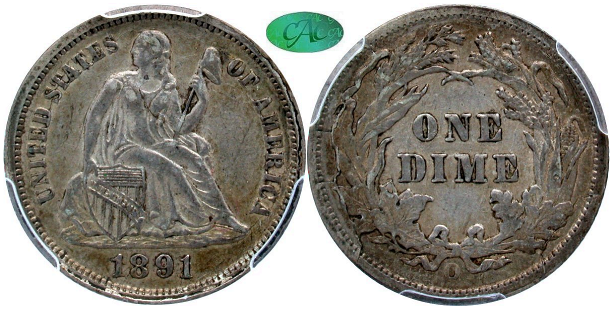
1887-S F-107 PCGS VF35 CAC 10C - $550



1891-O F-119 PCGS AU50 CAC 10C - $300



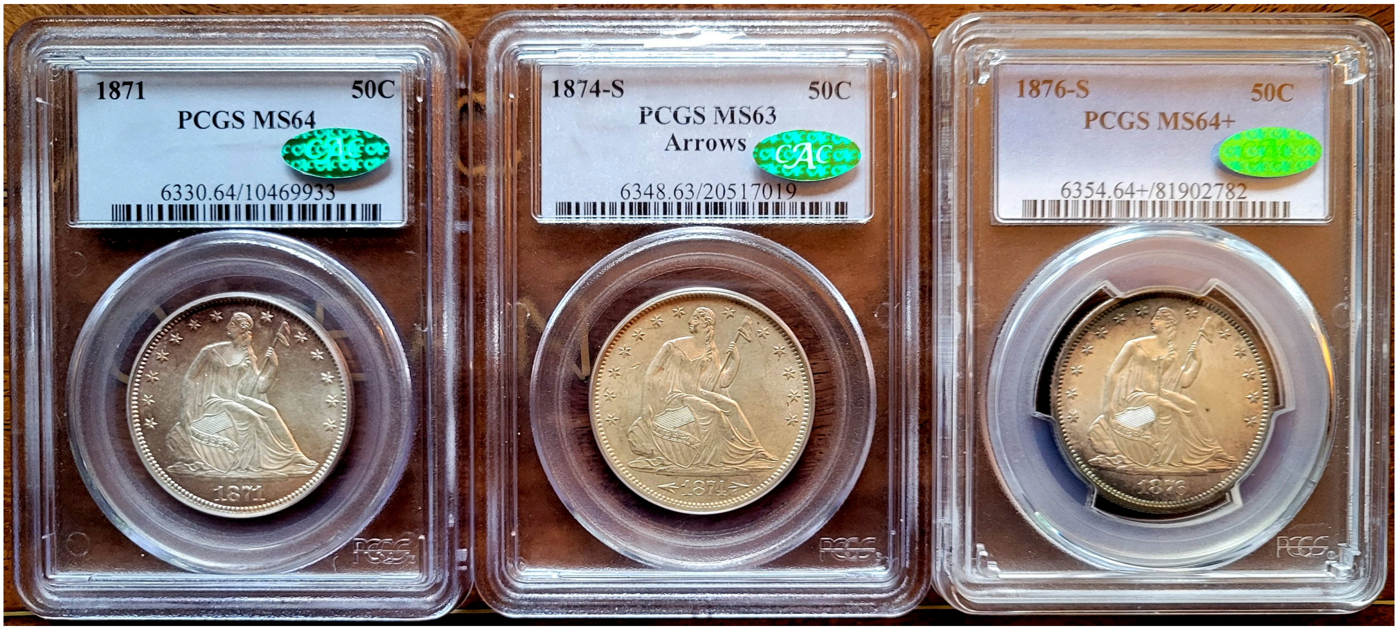
1852-C PCGS AU55 CAC G$5 - $7000



1862-S PCGS G06 CAC 10C - $7000

A Premium Oregon Beaver Consignment Arrives

Monday brought the arrival of the first of three new GFRC consignments. Leading the charge is a premium three price Liberty Seated half dollar consignment from the Oregon Beaver Collection. All three San Francisco struck lots are CAC approved Mint State with frosted (1874-S, 1876-S) and steely-frosted (1871) luster. The 1871 half, per the CAC census is pop 5 at grade with only two finer. Then there is the 1874-S with an overall CAC census of only 11 examples. The Beaver MS63 is the lone approved at grade with three finer. The 1876-S with its MS64+ certified grade is close to the top of the CAC condition census and should also garner significant attention.



These three important halves will be photographed today and loaded into the COIN system with a pricing proposal to our consignor by end of day. If wishing to secure a First Right of Refusal, then have at it.

Wrapping Up The Blog

Today brings another office day given the Tenafly auction catalog publishing task, morning shipping, and the Oregon Beaver consignment. Come Wednesday, I am planning to spend time in the back acreage and thoroughly enjoying time away from the GFRC office as a break from the laptop is needed.

Gold is once again range bound with a morning London quote of $3352. The Red Sox took the first game of their three game series with the Kansas City Royals and are now only three games out of first place in the AL East. Now you know what I am watching....

Thanks you again for the visit. Be well!

August 4, 2025

A Full House

Missed Another Daily Blog Anniversary

and

Completing the Tenafly Collection Auction Catalog

Greetings on the first Monday in August 2025 and welcome to another Daily Blog edition. Thank you for the visit.

As the top headline indicates, the Raymond homestead is now in full house mode and we are enjoying having the Yamatins here for the next two weeks. As previously communicated, granddaughter Ayumi has a way of making her presence known and felt in a good way. As I predicted in Sunday's Blog, their arrival was 15 minutes before happy hour and well timed. My kudos go out to Diane for driving a five hour round trip to central Boston and back as a special chauffeur.

As the today's Blog edition is being typed, the house is quiet but that will change shortly. During the early morning quiet period, I was able to prepare my regular breakfast and catch-up on the gold and silver trading over in London along with the Red Sox sweeping the Houston Astros at Fenway. The Red Sox are the hottest team in baseball and certainly fun to cheer on a winning team.

Yesterday's Liberty Seated dime web-book plate coin release was a sell out and then some. We could have sold most of these lots multiple times. Please don't worry if missing out as there are many, many more dimes to be released in the coming months.

There is no prepared content for today's edition so let's talk about random thoughts, shall we?

Missed Another Daily Blog Anniversary

I'm terrible with remembering anniversaries, just ask Diane!

Can you believe that the first Daily Blog edition was published July 5, 2014? Since that date, I have never remembered to write an "anniversary edition" including the all important 10 year milestone. As expected, I missed the 11th anniversary this year.

11+ years of sitting at the laptop during the quiet early morning hours has become much more than a GFRC marketing tool. The Daily Blog has become a personal lifestyle and online diary. On the laptop and backed up on the Hostway server is a record of 11 years of building the GFRC platform along with the development of the homestead property. Day by day, the micro step for both initiatives are highly detailed.

How I wish that I would have kept the same level of detail on the many years operating in Asia including the six years in mainland China. The experiences and lessons learned were priceless and shaped me for the better.

Here are two images taken while leading a Joint Venture Fab construction project in Jilin City, China for Fairchild Semiconductor during 2004 as a bit of Monday morning nostalgia. The first image is Gerry with Charles Siu, leading the JV transfer for Jilin Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation (JSMC). This was an impromptu image outside the new fabrication building with fab tools being moved into the middle floor via cranes. A semiconductor fab is typically a three story building with the middle floor being an open ballroom where the semiconductor processing equipment is installed and operated. The top floor is dedicated to HVAC and air exchangers while the bottom floor holds vacuum pumps and supporting systems for the fabrication tools. Fairchild had shipped excess equipment from its South Portland, Maine and Mountaintop, Pennsylvania facilities into China through the Dalian entry port. I could write a book on the hurdles that were overcome towards clearing China import barriers and customs obligations for our older manufacturing equipment. All that you have heard about unprincipaled approaches to get stuff done in China was experienced first hand. The second image is Charles with his staff.

Completing the Tenafly Collection Auction Catalog

Much progress was made with the Tenafly Collection auction catalog on Sunday while Diane was transporting the Yamatin family. After morning shipping, I will be returning to this project and striving for completion at some point on Tuesday. Once this catalog is completed, both the Massachusetts and Tenafly cover pages will be posted at the Auction link. At that point, the only remaining task is having a catalog run printed at Staples for the quickly arriving ANA World's Fair of Money that starts on August 19th.

Wrapping Up the Blog

There is little else to share other than the positioning of gold and silver for the new week. Gold is trading at $3368/oz while silver is quoting at $37.26. There is more negativity on YouTube concerning an extended gold consolidation and the inability to hold the $3400 mark. The YouTube prophets are still very bullish for silver.

I will be in the GFRC office for most of the day other than a delivery to the Raymond post office.

Thanks again for stopping by.

Be well!

August 3, 2025

GFRC Consignments Update

Another Liberty Seated Dime Web-Book Plate Coin Release

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Working on the Tenafly Collection Auction Catalog

Greetings and welcome to the Daily Blog on a peaceful Sunday morning. Thank you for checking in.

"Peaceful" in the morning's operative word as the Yamatin family returns to the homestead for another two week stay come mid-afternoon. Diane and I are looking forward to have the house full of life again as 2+ year old Ayumi has a habit of making her presence felt. Diane is an absolute sweetheart as she heads to Boston this morning with the MDX to act as the family transport back to Maine.

Yes, there was no Blog edition on Saturday and thank you for not reminding me of this fact. I plainly needed a break from the morning routine and enjoyed the extra time to relax and shift focus towards other matters both within and outside numismatics. The day ended with a lovely 718 Boxster top down ride to Falmouth for dinner at the Sicilian Table, a marvelous eatery that has become out favorite place to dine. I continually am amazed with the Porsche performance. The day's final moments were spent sitting in the gazebo with a tiny glass of Jameson's Black and Black whiskey and listening to tunes on the cellphone. There is a magical feeling of sitting among the many stone walls and watching dusk arrive with the solar lights turning on within a minute or two each other.

Let's move into today's headline topics, shall we?

GFRC Consignments Update

Now that the GFRC consignment has been reopened, there are already three lots shipping to the office this coming week. Following is a list of what is in transit or about to be shipped. My apologies, but there are no First Rights of Refusal on these incoming coins.

Liberty Seated Quarters

1838 Closed Claws PCGS AU58, 1849-O PCGS AU58, 1852 PCGS AU58, 1866 PCGS AU58. 1871-S PCGS AU58, 1872-S PCGS AU58, 1886 PCGS AU58

Liberty Seated Halves

1869 NGC EF40 CAC, 1871 PCGS MS64 CAC, 1874-S PCGS MS63 CAC, 1876-S PCGS MS64+ CAC

U.S. $5 Gold

1835 PCGS AU50 CAC, 1881/0 PCGS AU50 CAC OGH

Another Liberty Seated Dime Web-Book Plate Coin Release

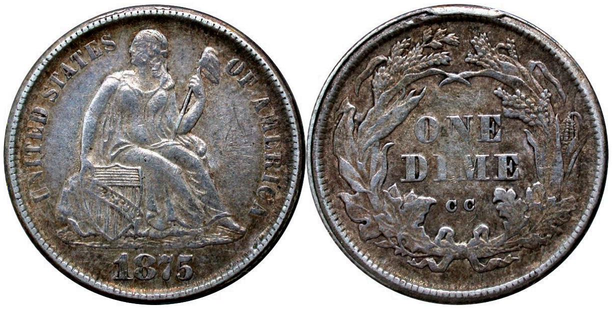
In lieu of composing a Blog edition on Saturday, I took the time to rummage through the double row 2x2 raw boxes towards selecting some incremental Liberty Seated dime web-book plate coin offerings. Nine coins were pulled and photographed during the noon time hour. Following are five of those lots that are available for immediate purchase. All have some interesting aspects for the various die variety collectors in the audience.

The 1875-CC lots offer well defined rim cuds while the 1875-S F-114 has a boldly struck obverse paired with a shattered and eroded reverse die which is symptomatic of 1875 San Francisco dime production of that year. The 1876 F-104 Double Die Reverse exhibits pretty toning, luster, and both the doubled reverse and heavy die clashing. Last is the 1876 Type 2 reverse F-101a with perfect coin gray patination and also being the plate coin within Brian Greer's *The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Dimes* reference, page 140.

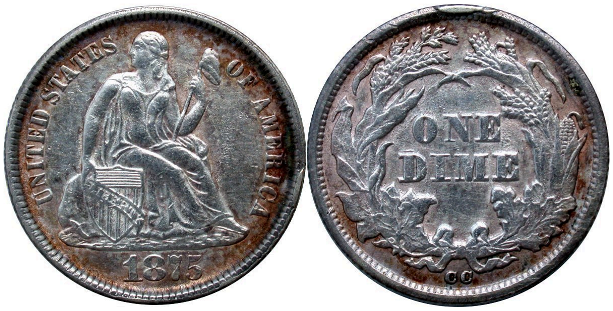
Where appropriate, I have already updated the Liberty Seated dime online reference with these improved images. This is your opportunity to acquire web-book plate coins as acting as the next curator. All of these, except for the 1875-S, were purchased during the 1994 through 1996 time frame. Though not posted to the 30 Day Price List yet, these lots are immediately available for purchase and requiring little in terms of a description.

Liberty Seated Dime Die Variety Reference Plate Coins

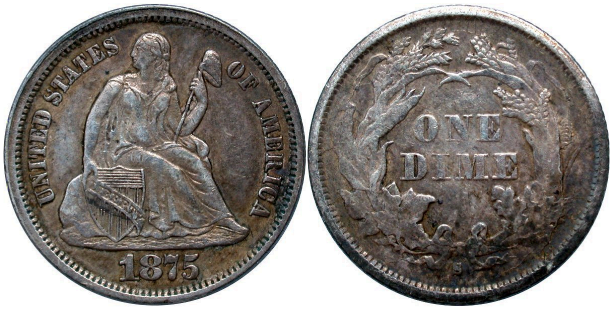
1875-CC IW F-111a Cud at 12:00 AU50 10C - $325



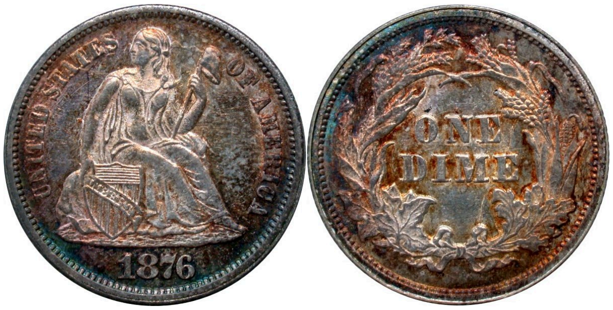
1875-CC BW F-109 Cud at 12:00 AU50 10C - $435



1875-S BW F-114 Shattered Rev EF45 10C - $85



1876 F-104 DDR Top 100 #68 AU55 10C - $175



1876 Type 2 Rev F-101a Greer Plate Coin AU50 10C - $145

Working on the Tenafly Collection Auction Catalog

Today's primary focus will be on moving forward with the second of the two PDF auction catalogs for the upcoming August 23 online auction event. Yes, my attention shifts to the Tenafly Collection catalog that features a substantial amount of CAC approved Liberty Seated dimes and United States $5 gold.

Wrapping Up The Blog

There is little else to ramble about at this point other than the fact that the Red Sox are now in second place in the American League eastern division. It is always great to see the Red Sox ahead of the NY Yankees in the standings.

Thank so much for the returning visit. Be well!

August 1, 2025

Lawn Seeding During Light Rain

The GFRC Consignment Window is Open

and

Working on the Tenafly Collection Auction Catalog

Greetings on the opening day of August 2025 and welcome to the Daily Blog. Thank you for the visit.

Today's edition will be brief as there is much on the agenda. The lawn needs to be mowed prior to the Fortins hosting a dinner party come the late afternoon and the Yamatin family returning to the homestead this weekend. I've held off mowing during dry and hot summer spells so as to not further stress the grass. Yesterday brought a full day of rain with the soil now moist at least through the weekend.

Thursday's rain brought an opportunity to complete the grass seeding of the topmost section behind the newly constructed stone wall. I had been waiting for the right moment when there would be sufficient rain to justify placing seed into the ground and yesterday worked out just fine. The below image was taken while composing the Blog at 7:30 AM, thus the long shadows from a low sun in the eastern sky. The beautiful clear blue skies at the top of Ledge Hill providing for a lovely contrast to the yellow-green landscape and the brown dirt. If looking carefully, you will note that three feet of crushed stone, with weed mat underneath, was first installed against the stone wall before the final leveling with Johnny2 and hand removal of the remaining stones and exposed roots. The crushed stone nicely fills the space between the rocks and also simplifies weed management. The entire task was accomplished during the morning with light rain underway. The final step was hand spreading two straw bales to cover the newly seeded area in an attempt to hold the moisture in the ground. Now that this section is seeded, my attention shift to the sharply downward sloping area and the exposed ledge outcrop for cleanup along with a sloping ground management solution. There is an idea percolating in my mind.

Of course, the irony in the story is that a substantial flock of wild turkeys has decided to move into the Fortin and Dodson backyards immediately after this area was seeded. Now comes the stress of monitoring the flock to ensure that they don't decide to visit this newly seeded plot.

The GFRC Consignment Window Is Open

Yes, the GFRC consignment window in now open. However, I must temper consignor expectations if wishing to consign larger lots of 15 or more coins. The month of August will be busy with the Oklahoma ANA show and corresponding preparations. So far, I have received two smaller consignment commitments with those coins arriving next week. The two consignments total six coins, but all being premium Seated and U.S. gold offerings.

Working on the Tenafly Collection Auction Catalog

My attention now shifts to preparing the Tenafly Collection auction catalog as the top GFRC priority. Once this catalog is completed, a small print run of both the Massachusetts and Tenafly Collection catalogs will be accomplished and ready for the ANA show.

Wrapping Up The Blog

There is little else to share at this point, so let's close today's Blog edition.

I will be in and out of the office the entire day with the previously mentioned lawn mowing and dinner party preparations. There is no shipping today as we will ship orders on Saturday and Monday.

Thanks for the visit. Be well!

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